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MUSIC IN CHURCHES

PROGRAMS TO BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE TO THE JOYOUS SEASON.

SERMONS TREAT OF DAY

Entertainments to Be Given in the Churches Sunday Evening Except One.

First Christian Church.

Regular preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Miller. Subject, "Campaigning for Jesus." Bible school at 9:30. Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Leader, Mrs. Henderson.

Special music for the morning service:

Processional—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War".....Cutler

Anthem—"Shout Hosanna"...Ashford Choir.

Solo—"The Heavenly Song".....Gray Miss Litta Roelofson.

The evening service at 7:30 p. m. will be given to Christmas program. The children of the Bible school will sing and recite, and the choir will render some special music.

Presents will not be placed on the tree, but boxes of candy will be given to the children. All invited. The program:

Recitation, "Dearest Little Stranger"—Ruth Bookman.

Recitation, "My Stocking"—Neola Bratcher.

Recitation, "When Christmas Comes"—Paul Robey.

Recitation, "Christmas Time"—Genevieve Todd.

Recitation, "Christmas Cheer"—Irene Schoonover.

Song, "Just a Little Baby"—Primary class.

Recitation, "A Little Child Can Loyal Be"—Lorene Hartley.

Recitation, "The Angel's Message"—Mildred Shinabargar.

Recitation, "My Dolly"—Eva Margaret Frank.

Solo, "Beautiful Star"—Doris Goforth.

Recitation, "What Can I Do?"—Marie Davenport.

Exercise, "The Christ Child"—1. Elwin Broyles. 2. Esther Roseberry. 3. Lora May Crossan. 4. Margarett Louise Hosmer. 5. Roberta Cook. 6. LaVerne Robey.

Solo, "Jackey Frost"—Mary Todd.

Recitation, "Sweetly Sang the Angels"—Paul Robey.

Recitation, "My Grandma"—Alta Huffine.

Recitation, "My Grandpa"—Myrtle Frazee.

Solo, "A Little Christmas Gift"—Lona Gilbert.

Recitation—Eva Ledgerwood.

Recitation—Ethel Martha Condon.

Recitation, "Hang Up the Baby's Stocking"—Ora May Condon.

Song, "The Manger Song"—Miss Reuillard's class, Miss Wilfley's class, Miss Boyer's class.

Recitation, "Before and After"—Gladys Bookman.

Exercise, "Our Christmas Banner"—Mrs. Paul Boyer's class.

During the evening the church choir will render the following:

Anthem—"We Have Seen His Star in the East".....Clare

Anthem—"O Holy Night".....Lyon Solo, Mrs. Robinson.

Anthem—"There Were Shepherds"..... Giffe

Bass solo, Mr. H. J. Becker.

First M. E. Church.

Sunday school at 9:30, W. F. Smith, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 10:45. Epworth League services at 6:30. At 7:30 the Christmas exercises by the Sunday school. To all these services all are cordially invited.

The program for the Christmas entertainment at the First M. E. church Sunday evening is not quite complete. Each of the twenty-three classes of the Sunday school will furnish a number on the program, which will be given by a member of the class or the class as a whole. The numbers so far reported are:

Recitation—Miss Annetta Lorance.

Christmas song—Mrs. J. A. Lesh's class.

Song—Primary class.

Song—Miss Dessa Cox's class.

Japanese drill—Miss Ethel Embree's class.

Recitations—Classes taught by C. C. Corwin and S. H. Kemp.

Song—Class taught by Rev. C. H. John.

Song—Miss Dena Hartman's class.

Recitation—Chester Bennett's class.

Recitation—Miss Dale Hoffman's class.

Song—Miss Carrie Margaret Baker's class of boys.

Song—Miss LaRue Kemp's class.

Song, in German—Classes of Wm. Funk and J. V. Embree.

Solo—Mrs. F. E. Whitehurch.

First Baptist Church.

The pastor, Rev. Lee Harrel, will preach at 11 o'clock a. m. His subject will be "Christmas, the Birthday of the Man Who Never Gave the World a Dollar." At this service Miss Marie Jones, who is at home for the Christmas holidays from her concert tour, will sing "Bethlehem" by Coombs. Sunday school at the usual hour, 9:30 a. m. The evening service will be the Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school and the offering to the Baptist Orphans' Home at St. Louis. The children of the Sunday school will be given their usual treat.

The program follows:

Opening welcome chorus—School.

Presentation of gifts for Orphans' home.

Scripture lesson—First primary.

Recitation—Bessie Schaub.

Recitation—Homer Ogden.

Chorus—Primary department.

Recitation—Ruth Olney.

Recitation—Curtis Coe.

Anthem—Choir.

Recitation—Mary Coe.

Recitation—Mildred Avitt.

Soldier drill—Mrs. Harry Miller's class.

Recitation—Eva Beaman.

Solo—Mr. Orlo Quinn.

Reading—Prof. Miller.

Treat for children of Sunday school—Santa Claus.

First Presbyterian Church.

There will be no preaching services in the morning. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. In the evening the Sunday school will give its Christmas program.

The program follows:

Song, "Ring On Christmas Bells"—The school.

Anthem, "Bright and Best," Dudley Buck—Choir.

Scripture reading.

Anthem, "Song of Ages," Meredith—Choir. Violin obligato, Miss Wilson.

Recitation—John Demott.

Song, "Sing a Merry Christmas"—Primary class.

Recitation—Philip Colbert.

Vocal duet—Helen Rose and Bernice Crawford.

Song, "Oh, Guiding Star"—Boys' chorus.

Recitation—Fay Farmer.

Violin solo, "Traumerei," Schuman—Miss Wilson.

Song, "Silent Night"—School.

Anthem, "The Shepherd's Vision," Meredith—Choir. Violin obligato, Miss Wilson.

M. E. Church, South.

The pastor, Rev. W. J. Parvin, will preach at 10:45 Sunday morning. Miss Myrtle Sheldon will sing "The Babe of Bethlehem" at this service. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The evening services will be dispensed with on account of the Christmas programs at the other churches, giving this congregation opportunity to attend any of the Christmas services they may wish. The following is the Christmas program to be given by the Sunday school of the church on Saturday evening, December 23:

Song by choir.

Solo—Alice Peery.

Recitation, "What Can I Give the Christ King"—Russell Allen, Niles Selecman, Ray Barry, Victor Moore, Edward Awalt, Cecil Mail, Paul Brown.

Solo, "The Holy Child"—Miss Myrtle Sheldon.

Recitation, "The Christmas Star"—Mary Carpenter, Thelma Craig, Stella May Brown, Opal Campbell, Wilma Ball.

Solo—Julian Parvin.

Recitation—Louise Peery.

Song by children, "Christ Was Once

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Wherever up and down the world the restless feet may roam.
When comes the time of holly-leaves, of fellowship and mirth,
That marks the glory of the day the Christ-child came to earth—
Then all about and all around, on mountain, plain, and foam,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.
The wander-love! It leads us on beneath the dreaming star;
It beckons us with tempting hands from many lands afar;
It lures us where the lotos dream is filled with rare delight;
It guides us where the silent snows gleam through the endless night;
But now, to all who wander far beneath the sky's broad dome,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.
It brings a picture of the past—a picture fair and free—
A picture of the good old home—wherever it may be;
And o'er the waves it sings to us, across the hill and plain;
Until the soul within us seems to echo the refrain.
Wherever up and down the world the restless feet may roam,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.
To every man in every place there comes the haunting song;
It rises like a glory chant in cadence full and strong.
To him who sleeps upon his arms before the tireless foe,
And he who bends above his desk, the coaxing strains must know.
For, sweeter than the clover-tang that drips from honey comb,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

GRANTED NEW TRIAL.

In Lund-Partridge Case—Few Cases to Supreme Court and K. C. Court of Appeals.

A new trial was granted Friday afternoon by Judge Ellison in the case of Victoria A. Lund vs. the estate of John F. Partridge, deceased.

An appeal was granted by the court to the supreme court in the following cases: John O'Connor vs. James Charles O'Connor et al., a perfect title suit, the appeal being asked by the defendant; and John Allen vs. Mary O'Donnell et al., a perfect title suit, the plaintiff asking for the appeal.

An appeal was allowed in the case of Lawrence F. Growney vs. the Wabash to the Kansas City court of appeals.

The case of John Stundon, Jr., vs. Z. W. Harris, et al., was dismissed by the plaintiff.

There will be no more court until January 25, when a special term will be held.

DID NOT GIVE $1500.

St. Francis Hospital Did Not Donate to the New Parish School.

A report has been circulated around the city by some that the St. Francis hospital gave $1500 to the new St. Mary's Parish school. Mother Superior of the hospital asked the Democrat-Forum to state that the hospital did not subscribe to the parish school fund as they did not have the money to give, and probably that the report was circulated with the intention of hurting the elevator fund for the hospital.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank Reavis	Maryville
Carrie Neola Thummel	Parnell
Ross K. Strawbridge	Maryville
Bess K. Armstrong	Sheridan
Ernest A. Riley	Maryville
Dora M. Richey	Hopkins
Floyd T. Snell	Skidmore
Bess T. Hitchcock	Skidmore

SAMUEL MASTERS DEAD.

Well Known Resident Passed Away Saturday Morning at Home in This City.

Samuel Masters, who had been a resident of this county for over thirty years, passed away at his home, on South Market street, Saturday morning at 4:30 o'clock, from an illness of stomach trouble, from which he had been a great sufferer since the first of October. Several weeks ago, accompanied by a brother, Mr. Masters went to Rochester, Minn., to consult the great Mayo specialists, but received no encouragement from them, and he returned home resigned to the inevitable end.

The funeral services will be held at the family home, on South Market street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Claude J. Miller of the First Christian church. Burial in Miriam cemtetry.

Mr. Masters was born in Oneida, Ill., fifty-four years ago the first day of November last. He lived there until he was about 18 years old, when he came with his father's family to Nodaway county and settled on a farm southwest of Maryville. His father, the late George Masters, died several years ago at quite an advanced age.

Mr. Masters was married thirty years ago to Miss Catherine Garnett of Omaha. Two children were born to them, Fred Masters of this city and Miss Chloe Masters, at home, who survive with their mother. Seven brothers and two sisters also survive, who are Oren and John Masters of Skidmore; Edward, Woodford, George and Ott Masters of Maryville, and Henry Masters of Omaha; one brother, Frank Masters, died at his home, near Maryville, about six years ago. The sisters are Mrs. E. J. Dempsey of South Fillmore street and Mrs. Charles Critchfield of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sharp of Ft. Madison, Ia., arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mozingo.

TO SEND OUT 81 BASKETS.

All Reports of Needy Families Needing Eatables Should Be Sent in by Tonight.

Another meeting of the tag day committee was held Friday evening, and at that time eighty-one baskets of eatable goods had been arranged for. While Adolph Lippman had offered to pay for $1 worth more of eatables in each basket, it was decided that at this time if Mr. Lippman wanted to do this he could, but the committee would have nothing to do with it.

The committee had eighty-one families on the list, but more will probably be added today. All reports of needy families can be turned in not later than this evening.

BOUGHT PRATHER BARN.

Geo. W. Hartley is the Purchaser and Will Remodel Same for an Auto Garage.

George W. Hartley of this city, who moved here several months ago from Plockton, Ia., has purchased of the Prather estate the North Main street barn, where the Union Bus company was formerly located. Mr. Hartley intends to remodel the barn and make an automobile garage out of it. Mason & Wilderman, dealers in automobiles, have leased the garage.

Mrs. William Ramey of Arkoe was in Maryville Friday shopping.

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E. L. STREET WRITES

TO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN REGARD TO PLANT HERE.

SUGGESTS A CONFERENCE

With Board's Engineers—Says New Plant Would Be an Unnecessary Burden to the City.

The board of public works received a letter Saturday from E. L. Street, president of the City Water company, in which he states that the quickest way for the company and board to get together on a reasonable price for the water plant here would be for Mr. Street to have a conference with the board's engineers and go over the plans so the engineers could intelligently pass upon his recommendations. The full text of Mr. Street's letter follows:

December 20, 1911.—S. G. Gillam, Esq., Secretary of Public Works Board, Maryville, Mo. Dear Sir—I have given some study to the points brought out in our conference in Maryville a short time ago with a view to making a formal reply to your efforts to bring about a purchase of the water company's property on behalf of the city.

I find myself at the outset facing a very difficult proposition to discuss, in view of the fact that the information you were able to furnish was only a very partial extract from the reports of your engineers.

It would have rendered my task a very simple one if you could have seen your way to place the reports of your engineers in my hands for discussion.

In the absence, however, of this assistance, I will do my best to meet the case.

To begin with, the company's desire is naturally to make a sale based on the largest practicable use of the water works property as it now stands consistent with an efficient plant for the future use of the city.

I am inclined to infer from the information secured, however, that your engineers were rather disposed to ignore the existing plant as far as possible, both with regard to a river supply and a supply drawn from wells.

All surface water supplies are more or less threatened by contamination, and this fact will have a bearing on Maryville's water supply as long as it is drawn from the river, and the proposal of one of your engineers to construct a new intake a short distance above the existing one with a view to eliminating one source of possible contamination seems to me to ignore the fact that there are still other sources of contamination higher up the river, and that if this matter is to determine the character of the new works it can be met by an equipment of filters at the present plant just as efficiently as at any other point, and I might add that the present plant is located at a desirable point for drawing water from the river by a system of underground tile drainage such a I have had in operation at other points under similar conditions for a number of years, and which I should be pleased to discuss with your engineers.

It is quite possible that the application of this method of drawing water from the river would remove the necessity for the installation of filters for many years to come, and would in any case go a long way toward purifying a river supply.

The present pumphouse site is also well adapted for the installation of a system of wells for drawing water from the underlying sand bed in case the popular demand for a well supply should appeal to your engineers as a better solution of the problem.

Either one of the above described

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The Weather

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight; colder Sunday night or Monday.

100
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Some of the visitors at the high school this week were Misses Allie Fraser, Marie Reuillard, Katherine Kuchs, Messrs. Basford, Ralph Jameson, Flemming Carpenter and Mary Foster of this city, Robert Paul Hogan, Fred Wolfers, Mr. Long of the University of Missouri, John Owen Murrin and Andy Chris Cummins, who attend school in Atchison, Kan., and Mr. Harry McIntyre, the principal of the Chillicothe high school.

All of the teachers living out of Maryville started for their Christmas vacation Friday night or Saturday morning. Miss Lillian M. Lindholm went to her home in Chicago, Ill.; Miss Calla Varner to Union Star, Mo.; Miss Margaret Thompson to her home in Iowa, Miss Antoinette Craig to Davenport, Okla.; Mr. E. A. Horton to Mexico, Mo., while Miss Winifred Ashby will spend Christmas in Maryville with her mother, who comes here from Cleveland, O., and Superintendent Hawkins' family of Columbia will be with him in the city during the week.

Miss Anna Bainum entertained her teachers at her home, on West Third street at a 6 o'clock dinner on Thursday. Those present beside the hostess were Miss Calla Varner, Miss Winifred Ashby, Miss Alicia Keeler, Miss Lillian Lindholm and Superintendent Hawkins.

Mr. Tom Middleton of Lathrop, Mo., will deliver the graduating address on January 19, 1912. Mr. Middleton was for three years a high school student and afterward finished the seminary. He is now a minister of Lathrop. An excellent address is assured.

One of the jolliest and best assembly hours in the history of the school was enjoyed at the high school on Friday. The students were just chock full of the Christmas spirit and merriment, and were made happier by the presence of so many old high school students and alumni. After the usual songs were sung, Miss Glen Hotchkiss gave a most delightful reading from the Christmas scene in "Ben Hur." The rendition of the beautiful selection was excellent, and although Miss Hotchkiss did not read again, an encore was long and vigorously demanded by the students. The girls' chorus of the high school then gave the "Chorus of the Returning Pilgrims," by Wagner, and when urged responded with an encore. Miss Varner then asked for talks from the high school alumni and former students. Mr. Walter Wray, Robert Wells and Charles Kane responded with short talks, which were enjoyed very much by the students. They spoke of the university life and experiences and the opportunities which are offered. Almost every visiting student spoke some word, and how well these young men covered the ground may be surmised when Superintendent Hawkins was called upon for a talk. He declared that all had been said but "Merry Christmas."

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E. L. STREET WRITES

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methods could be efficiently installed in conjunction with the existing large storage reservoir or without it. In the latter case the said reservoir could be reserved for ice making purposes under conditions in which its efficiency for this purpose would be even greater than at the present time, and the revenue derived from this source would take care of the expense of hauling coal, which has been raised as an objection to the present site.

It seems clear to me that to install a new plant without reference to these desirable conditions would not only result in great loss to the company, but would also impose upon the city an altogether unnecessary burden of expense, and in view of the fact that this matter lies at the foundation of the whole discussion, it occurs to me as likely that the quickest way for us to come together would be for me to have a conference with your engineers for the purpose of laying these plans before them in such a way that they could intelligently pass upon my recommendations.

We have lived with the plant for a number of years and have had its future requirements under consideration for a long time, and we think that this gives us a real advantage in appraising the requirements of Maryville's water works problem.

Kindly give this matter your early consideration and advise me of any conclusion which may occur to you.

I do not know whether your attention has been called to the fact that there now exists a first mortgage upon the property of the water company of $20,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, and due July 1st, 1919.

These bonds can be retired at par, if in the event of an agreement with the water company you desire to leave this mortgage outstanding upon the property, there is no reason why it should not remain until maturity.

Yours truly,
EDGAR L. STREET.

Dr. Frank Zenders Very Ill.

Dr. Frank Zenders, who for many years was a veterinary surgeon of this city, is critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Whorton, 622 Penney avenue, Kansas City, Kan. His son, Joseph Zenders of St. Louis, has been summoned to his father's bedside, and another son, Frank Zenders, Jr., lives in Kansas City and is with his father. Dr. Zenders' health began to fail perceptibly last March, following a severe spell of pneumonia. Tuberculosis developed and its ravages have about completed the work. The news of Dr. Zenders' condition reached Maryville friends Saturday.

Returned From Rochester.

Mrs. Fletcher Irwin and her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. C. Irwin, of Chicago, arrived in Maryville Friday night from Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Fletcher Irwin has been a patient at the Mayo hospital. Mrs. Irwin arrived Saturday morning from Chicago and will spend Christmas here with his family and relatives. Mrs. Irwin will remain in the city for several weeks the guest of her mother and sister, Mrs. Catharine Miller and Mrs. F. P. Robinson, until she has fully recovered her strength. It will be good news to her many friends that she is recovering nicely.

To Old Home for Christmas.

Miss Fannie Hope of the State Normal Training school, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Thana Hope, and her little niece, Charlotte Welchel, left Friday evening for their former home at Independence, Kan., to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Hope's other daughter, Miss Myra Hope, who teaches in the schools of Caney, Kan., and Mrs. E. A. Stark, will be there to spend Christmas.

Will Go to California.

Mrs. A. A. McGuire, who has been making her brother, J. H. Allen, who lives on the Diem farm, left Friday evening for McAlister, Kan., to visit another brother, W. C. Allen, a short time. She will leave in a few days for Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the winter with a brother and sister, E. A. Allen and Mrs. E. A. Sharp.

Here From Chicago.

Dr. Fred C. Honnold of Chicago arrived in Maryville Saturday morning to meet his family, who have been here several days, for a Christmas visit with his mother and sister, Mrs. M. J. Honnold and Mrs. George P. Bellows.

Went to Kansas City.

Mrs. Frank G. Shoemaker and daughter, Miss Esther, went to Kansas City Friday evening to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. D. F. Boyd. Mr. Shoemaker will join them in Kansas City Sunday.

Miss Mollie Hines, a State Normal student, went to her home in Clarksdale Friday evening to spend Christmas.

Our Christmas, Its Origin and Its Meaning

(By Rev. Lee Harrel.)

December 25, 1911! What does that mean? Why do I date my letter thus? Because more than nineteen hundred years ago a Jewish babe was born in a manger in Bethlehem of Judea. There was no room for Him in the inn—there was no cradle—they wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. There were no bells rung on that night when Prince Immanuel was born. But while the Shepherds watched their flocks an angel of the Lord said, "Fear not; behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Then it was that a mighty multitude of angels broke the stillness of the night with their song, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

Those good tidings of great joy are with us yet, and that song of "peace on earth, good will toward men," finds a responsive chord in every true heart. But while the Christmas season is a time of great joy and rejoicing throughout the civilized world, and while it is the epochal date of all human chronology, history and civilization, yet no one can difinitively fix the date of the birth of Christ.

So it will be well for us to look for a little while at the institution of the Christmas festival. It may be prosaic reading, but I trust it will at least be profitable to some of us.

There are certain traces of this festival found in the reign of the Emperor Commodus 180-192 A. D. But the first historical data we have of its observance was about the middle of the fourth century, 360 A. D. in Rome; 380 in Antioch, and about 430 in Alexandria.

In the reign of Diocletian, while that ruler was keeping court in Nicomediat, a multitude of Christians were assembled in a church to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, and the emperor ordered the doors of the building closed and the church burned. All the worshipers perished. This was in the latter part of the reign of Diocletian, 284-305 A. D.

The authorization of the day is ecclesiastical and rational, but not definitely scriptural, the observance being neither commended nor followed by the New Testament writers. This Christian festival, as others, was a transformation or regeneration of kindred heathen festival, which occurred about this time of year.

Almost all the heathen nations regarded the winter solstice as a most important point of the year, as a beginning of the renewed life and activity of the powers of nature, and of the gods, who were originally, perhaps, only the symbolical personification of these.

The Germans and the Celts from the earliest times celebrated this season of the year with the greatest festivities. At the winter solstice the Germans held their great yule-feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun-wheel; and believed that during the twelve nights from December 25 to January 6 they could trace the personal movement and interference on earth of their great deities, Odin, Berchta, etc.

Even to this day the German peasants tell their children many strange stories about things done during these nights. A reason for the keeping of twelve nights, may be found in the fact that "Old Christmas day" was January 6. When Gregory XIII reformed the calendar, in 1582, he omitted ten days; but when the new style was adopted in England in 1752, it was necessary to cut off eleven days, which drove January 6 back to December 25 of the previous year. So our January 6 would be the old Christmas, or December 25.

According to Dr. Schaff, "The church fathers themselves confirmed the symbolical reference of the feast of the birth of Christ, the Sun of righteousness, the Light of the world, to the birth festival of the unconquered sun, which on the twenty-fifth day of December, after the winter solstice breaks the growing powers of darkness and begins anew his heroic career." It was thus the church sought to banish the deeprooted heathen feeling adding, for the purification of the heathen feasts and customs, her "manger songs" and a multitude of Christian carols, besides her dramatic representations of the birth of Christ and the early events of His life.

Many of these dramas became very corrupt, they degenerated into farces or fools' feasts, very much like some of the present day. Thus the church adopted the pagan festivals, which "might be called unconscious prophecies of the Christmas feast," and turned them about to the glory of God. And so arose the Christ-trees, or Christmas trees, present giving, and Christmas dishes. Thus Christmas became a universal social festival, for young and old, high and low, as no other Christmas festival could have become. The present happy festivity of all sects in Christian communities make the day a good mile post of progress toward the realizations of "peace on earth, good will toward men"—of the never-to-be forgotten song of the angels.

"It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold.

"Peace on earth, good-will to men
From Heaven's all-gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To the hear angels sing."

That event which nineteen centuries ago moved the Shepherds of the Galilean hills to hasten to Bethlehem is the same that today fills the world with new joy and moves all Christendom to fervent praise and thanksgiving. That which was made known to the world by the song of the angels on the fields of Bethlehem is today proclaimed around the whole world by pealing bells, by hymns and anthems of praise from innumerable choirs, by prayers of thanksgiving and by joyous greetings in millions of homes.

Christmas is a time for which the human heart is hungry. It is a time of joy and domestic affection, when families that have long been separated meet together, when the children come home again to the bosom of their parents, when brothers and sister meet in the old homestead, and vie with each other as to who can love and honor father and mother best and most. To some of us now, this is all like a dream, but our dream will always be with us. Sometimes in the night watches, we seem to talk with their angels, and they smile sweetly and graciously upon us. Memory leaps across the chasm of the years. It is Christmas. We are at home, a child again.

"O for one year of youthful joy!
Give me back my twentieth spring!
I'd rather laugh a bright-haired boy,
Than reign a gray-haired king."

Christmas is a time when every house should be decorated with evergreen and every table loaded with good cheer. It is a time when all hearts not destitute of kindness should be enlarged and softened—a time when we should expect "good tidings." "Tidings" is a beautiful word, we eagerly open a letter; we listen closely to a message personally brought; but Christmas day the message is brought by the attendant angel of our Lord, and he declares it "good tidings." The unfolding events of our destiny are revealed to us by His messenger of love. O, what is the matter with us all, that we can never learn that the richest joys this world can give are not to be bought with money, and were never intended for the few. They are as free as the air and are within the grasp of even the child of poverty. In a little cottage, about which the magic circle of love has been drawn, where the happy voices of the children cry, "Merry Christmas, papa! Merry Christmas, mamma!" there may be found joys such as a king might envy, and such as angels might look for in vain.

The prevalent kindliness and cheer of Christmas are the out-workings of the Christ-spirit among men. How beautiful is the hospitality of Christmas times! It is then that the poor are allowed to partake of the overflowing wealth of the rich and the interval between the landlord and tenant, master and servant, is less marked than at other times. Yes, these Christmas heart openings are conducive to hospitality—a word that has almost lost its meaning. Hospitality is the attestation of love to one's fellow through the medium of the home. It is not simply a formal ceremonial reception extended to him under one's roof; but a cordial entertainment. Its invitation is larger than the simple Come; it is Welcome. It is offered not in the mere extending of the hand, but in the expanding of the heart. It opens not merely the door of the spare room, but that of one's own room—even the door of his affections. It greets not with a take, but share. It does not simply acquiesce, but urges with sweet confidence.

Beautiful, indeed, were these gatherings of our fathers on Christmas day. When the lads and lasses romped under the mistletoe. When the heart was free and light. When the corrupting influences of modern civilization were unknown. When love was love, and the marriage vow a sacred thing. When home was not merely a place to stay, but a place of unfettered joy. Give us back the old Christmas days, where every man, who is worthy of the name of a man, feels conscious of a return to boyhood again. Where the endearments of home are enjoyed without fear of the cynical sneer or the bantering laugh. Where one can throw off his mask he has worn so long in self-defense, and honestly, too, that others might not pierce his heart, can throw off his mask and make bare his heart and be himself again.

"Ye who have wronged each other,
Or injured friend or brother,
In this fast-fading year;
Ye who by word or deed
Have made a kind heart bleed,
Come gather here!
Let sinned against and sinning
Forget their strife's beginning
And join in friendship now;
Be links no longer broken,
Be sweet forgiveness spoken
Under the holly bough.

Ye who have nourished sadness,
Estranged from hope and gladness,
In this fast fading year;
Ye with over burdened mind,
Made aliens from your kind,
Come, gather here!
Let not your useless sorrow
Pursue you night and morrow,
If ever you hoped, hope now
Take heart! Uncloud your faces
And join in our embraces,
Under the holly bough."

Tender and sweet, beautiful and strong, is the Christmas story as it sings itself once again around the world. It is the music the world has always wanted—music to which the heart responds without effort. No matter how much of a tradesman day it may have become; no matter how much of a day of feasting it may have been turned into, nothing weighs against the broad fact that it is the day when men think of Christ in a sweet, and tender fashion, and the children are brought into a sense of the great gift of God in a way different from that of other days.

Out of his heart the writer wishes A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all the world. To his friends, that the sunny side of life may be the larger side; that the shadows be not too dark; but that in any event they may have the mastery. To his enemies—who are next best, for while friends share our sorrows, a good foe can help us to drown them; to his enemies he wishes the best that God can give—a clear eyesight and a clean heart. To all and several, the best one year can bring, not perhaps the easiest, but the best. If right to stay right; if wrong to be set right. And whether it is to be a good New Year or not, is in our own hands, each for himself and for so many as he can reach.

Todays Markets

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—300. Market steady. Estimate tomorrow, 13,000.

Hogs—13,000. Market strong; top, $6.30. Estimate tomorrow, 28,000.

Sheep—200. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—200. Market steady.

Hogs—2,500. Market strong; top $6.30.

Sheep—None.

ST. JOSEPH.

Cattle—100. Market steady.

Hogs—4,500. Market strong; top, $6.30.

Sheep—None.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 22.—Cattle receipts, 1,000. Quality represented an ordinary class. No change developed in the trade. Prospects fair for next week.

Hog receipts, 8,000. A slow, steady basis in force today. Top, $6.25; bulk of the good hogs bringing $5.90@6.25. It looks all right for next week. Hogs on the light order shade lower today.

Sheep receipts, 500. Nothing choice on offer. Trade steady with the high time of last week.

National Live Stock Commission Co.

Miss Antoinette Craig of the public school faculty went to Kansas City Friday evening to spend two days with her brother, Harvey Craig, and family. She will then go to Davenport, Okla., to spend the remainder of her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Craig.

Strader & Wilson greenhouse, Fifth and Main. Lettuce, eating apples.

Clearmont Without a Paper

In this week's Clearmont Ledger an announcement appears that the Ledger plant will be moved to Iowa. The foreditor of the paper, says:

A little over one year ago we came to Clearmont, believing that we could make a living in the newspaper business, but we have failed to do so, and having run behind each month, we feel it our duty to our family to cease publishing the Ledger in Clearmont. We have made arrangements to move the plant to Iowa, and will leave here about January 1st. We will, however, get out one more paper this month.

Students Go Home for Christmas.

The following students in our city left for their home Friday evening to spend Christmas and New Year's: Misses Laura and Birdie Ozenberger of St. Joseph, Miss Ruth Dunn and Miss Cora Sell of Barnard; Robert and Miss Marie Metzger of Graham, Misses Ruth Ramey and Sylvia Coulter of Arkoe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Sanders and daughter, Mariam, went to St. Joseph Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sanders. They were accompanied as far as St. Joseph by little Misses Mabel, Evelyn and Laura Margaret Raines, who went to Rockport to spend Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raines. They were met in St. Joseph by their aunt, Miss Edith Raines, a teacher in the St. Joseph high school, who accompanied them to Rockport.

Harry Foster of Chariton, Ia., arrived Saturday to join his family here on a Christmas visit to his mother, Mrs. John Foster, and Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. W. T. Garrett, and their families.

Were Married by 'Squire Morris.

Miss Bess T. Hitchcock and Floyd T. Shell of Skidmore were married Saturday afternoon by 'Squire J. W. Morris.

J. C. Ferritor of Sparks, Nev., arrived in Maryville Friday night for a visit with his brother, E. L. Ferritor, and for a visit with relatives at Clyde. E. L. Ferritor met his brother at Omaha and accompanied him to Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Langan and daughter, Miss Grace Langan, went to St. Joseph Saturday morning to spend Christmas with their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. C. Baker and family.

For Sale
A few good yearling oxford bucks and a few good ram lambs. F.P. Robinson Maryville, Mo.

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FINE BOX CANDIES, CHOCOLATES, CREAMS & Fancy Candies

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LIVED ON RAW EGGS

Mr. Richard's Experience With Different Diets. Peaches and Buttermilk for Three Years.

Cecilton, Md.—Mr. George Richards, of this place, during the past 12 years, has probably tried more different diets than the average person would ever use in a lifetime.

What he has to say about his experiments, must therefore be highly interesting to anyone suffering from indigestion or stomach troubles of any kind.

He says: "For more than 12 years, I suffered with stomach troubles, and paid hundreds of dollars for doctor bills and medicines. I was also operated on for piles.

I lived on dried peaches and buttermilk for nearly three years. The only thing that would not give me pain was raw eggs.

I was a physical wreck. I could not sleep, and was as near crazy as a man could well be.

I must say that after taking two 25-cent packages of Thedford's Black-Draught, it did me more good than all I ever spent for other medicines.

I have been working daily on the farm ever since, and I am as hard as iron." This purely vegetable remedy has been in successful use for more than 70 years. Try it. But be sure that it's "Thedford's."

Home for Christmas.

Miss Margaret McDougal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McDougal, and Miss Mary Orcutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orcutt, who are members of the faculty of the public schools at Caney, Kan., arrived in Maryville Saturday noon to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.

SAGE AND SULPHUR.

Darkens the Hair, Gives Color and Luster to Faded and Gray Hair.

From time immemorial, sage and sulphur have been used for the hair and scalp. Almost everyone knows of the value of such a combination for darkening the hair, for curing dandruff and falling hair, and for making the hair grow.

In olden times the only way to get a hair tonic of this sort was to brew it in the home fireplace, a method which was troublesome and not always satisfactory. Nowadays almost every up-to-date druggist can supply his patrons with a ready-to-use product, skillfully compounded in perfectly equipped laboratories. The Wyeth Chemical company of New York put up an ideal remedy of this sort, called Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy, and authorize druggists to sell it under guarantee that the money will be refunded if it fails to do exactly as represented.

If you have dandruff, or if your hair is turning gray or coming out, don't delay, but get a bottle of this remedy today, and see what a few days' treatment will do for you.

This preparation is offered to the public at fifty cents a bottle, and is recommended and sold by all druggists. Special agents, Koch Pharmacy.

Guests at the Maples.

Mr. Mark Hiles and his sister, Miss Bernice Hiles, of Burlington Junction arrived Friday to be the guests of Miss Golda Roach, at the home of her father, T. H. Roach, north of Maryville.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

Miss Elta Wood, a high school student, went to her home near Rosendale Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklin's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Roberts of Lincoln, Neb., left for their home Friday evening, after a short visit in Maryville with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Keene.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

BURR BROTHERS PLEAD GUILTY

Ex-Leavenworth Boys Operated Big "Get-Rich-Quick" Scheme.

MUST SERVE ONE YEAR IN PRISON

After Leaving Kansas Home They Made Millions in New York, Till Federal Government Interferred.

New York, Dec. 23.—As punishment for carrying on a stock swindle by mail for two years, which netted millions in profit, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, incorporated, each were sentenced to a year's imprisonment on Blackwell's Island. The prisoners are Shelton C. Burr, president of the corporation; his brother, Eugene H. Burr, who was secretary and treasurer; Charles H. Tobey, vice-president, and Edwin Wesley Preston. Unexpectedly they offered pleas of guilty before Judge Holt in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court.

The indictment charged a swindle involving $68,000 in connection with the sale of the stock of the People's Association Oil company. But the government alleged that that was one of a continuing series of frauds, estimated to have involved nearly $50,000,000, with $15,000,000 profit to the promoters.

Counsel for the defendants said that rather than involve the expense of summoning witnesses from distant points, it was decided to plead guilty. The maximum sentence possible is 18 months. Counsel for the defendants urged clemency. It was asserted the promoters believed the stocks would prove profitable.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 23.—Shelton and Eugene Burr were born and reared here. Shelton Burr lived in Kansas City in 1903 and 1904. His brother formerly was a partner in a haberdashery shop here.

Henry Burr, the father of the Burr boys, was one of the early residents of Leavenworth. He was a shoe manufacturer and employed prison labor for the most part. The elder Burr made a comfortable fortune out of his shoes factory and upon his death the boys fell heir to the property. They didn't make a success of it, however, and the factory was closed.

After they had lost in various ways much of what they inherited they went to New York and there fortune smiled upon them until the law interfered.

Eugene H. Burr figured in a sensational episode about 13 years ago when he eloped with the young daughter of Natt Ryan, a well to do and widely known resident of Leavenworth. After his arrest in New York his wife learned he had an affinity and she obtained a separation.

PREACHER-AUTHOR QUITS PULPIT

Dr. Chas. M. Sheldon Resigns and Will Devote Entire Time to Lecture Platform.

Topeka, Dec. 23.—In order to spread the doctrine of Christian Socialism, the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, pastor of the Central Congregational church, has resigned his charge. He handed his resignation to the church at the annual meeting and it will take effect not later than June 1.

Doctor Sheldon's doctrine, which he has been preaching for years, is that the spread of real Christian brotherhood among laboring men and employers would tend to obviate all strikes and labor difficulties and would stop wars and guarantee universal peace.

Dr. Sheldon will devote his entire time to lecturing, writing and expounding this doctrine of Christian Socialism, much as he works out the problem of right living in his book, "In His Steps."

For years the demands on Dr. Sheldon's time for lectures have been exceptional, and he could not stand the double work of lecturing and handling his church affairs.

Turns Murderers Loose.

Jefferson City, Dec. 23.—Gov. Hadley gave Christmas paroles to four men serving sentences for murder. Foster Pollard and Frank Harris, negroes were sentenced from Kansas City to serve 50 years; Jefferson Lewis, sentenced from St. Charles county for 18 years, and Frank Wright, sent from Pemiscot county for 25 years. Each has served more than ten years.

Kansas Woman Found Frozen.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 23.—A four days' search for Mrs. Margaret Soderberg, 83 years old, who left the home of her son, A. Soderberg, a farmer living near here, last Monday has just ended with the finding of the aged woman's frozen body in a pasture five miles from the home.

Georgia Wreck Injured 41.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Derailment of train No. 38 on the Seaboard Air line at Gloster, 25 miles northeast of here, resulted in the injury of 41 persons. None of these, however, is believed fatally injured.

TOPEKA BANKERS IN OIL FRAUDS

J. D. Dolley Implicates F. E. Metzger and Dr. O. S. Morrow.

USED NAME WITHOUT CONSENT

Testimony in Ohio Trial Intimates Irregularities in Sale of Stock Supposed to be Endorsed by Bank Commissioner.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—Testimony by J. N. Dolley of Topeka, state bank commissioner of Kansas, implicated F. E. Metzger, president of the German-American State bank, and Dr. O. S. Morrow, state superintendent and treasurer of the Children's Home society, both of Topeka, in irregularities concerning the sale of stock by Sandals and Griffin, oil land promoters.

According to the testimony in United States court, the Sterling Oil company, of which Sandals and Griffin were promoters, published a small paper called the Sterling News in the interests of their business. June 9, 1910, the paper printed an article in which Mr. Dolley was placed in the position of having indorsed the Sterling Oil stock as a good investment.

The article, which was offered in evidence, said that Dolley had appointed F. P. Metzger and Dr. Morrow to make an investigation of the company, and had sent a telegram from Afton, Ok., saying the company's investment plan was a good one.

The prosecution had letters and evidence to show that Metzger had received 3,500 shares of stock in Afton before he signed the telegram to the promoters in Cleveland.

Topeka, Dec. 23.—The Rev. O. S. Morrow of Topeka, implicated with F. E. Metzger, president of the German-American State bank here, in alleged fraudulent oil schemes in Ohio, was much surprised when told that J. N. Dolley had absolutely denied an indirect indorsement of the proposition on which Sandals and Griffin, organizers of the Sterling Oil company of Cleveland, O., are being prosecuted for the fraud.

"S. H. Garrett came to Topeka as the representative of the oil company and wanted to get a certificate from the banking department to enable him to sell stock in Kansas," said Dr. Morrow. "I was interested in the company, as was Mr. Metzger and several others here. Mr. Garrett told us that whatever Mr. Metzger found on investigation of the Oklahoma property would be indorsed by the bank commissioner, as Mr. Dolley had faith in whatever Mr. Metzger found down there.

Mr. Garrett already had advised his company that whatever Mr. Metzger said would also be an indorsement by Mr. Dolley, as he said he had been advised by telephone from Mr. Dolley directly. That is how it came about that Mr. Dolley was supposed to have indorsed this company."

BIG CHANGE IN PRISON METHODS

All Short Term Military Prisoners Taken From Alcatraz Island to Leavenworth.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A sweeping change in military prison methods has just been instituted by orders of the war department. All of the short term prisoners of Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, have been ordered transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

All of the long term prisoners in the latter institution, about 270, to be transferred to Alcatraz, which will thus be made the place of confinement for the criminal element, while Leavenworth will be the place of detention of soldiers guilty of purely military offenses. To save transportation expenses, a second criminal jail is created at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, New York.

The effect of these changes is to carry out the recently developed British system of treating deserters and other soldiers guilty of breaches of discipline as subjects to reformatory influences and of segregating them from the absolutely criminal and vicious class.

Barbers Are Not Artists.

Macon, Mo., Dec. 23.—A barber is not an artist in the meaning of the statute, according to Judge Shelton, in deciding a case from Bevier. Evan Williams and other barbers were assessed an occupation tax and refused to pay on the ground that their trade was not denominated in the statutes. Judge Shelton held that the barber was a laborer and not liable for an occupation tax.

Old Missouri Home Burned.

La Grange, Mo., Dec. 23.—Fire destroyed the home of Miss Clara Koch here. The loss is about $12,000. The home was one of the oldest in northeast Missouri.

Lebanon Man Reappointed.

Jefferson City, Dec. 23.—Gov. Hadley has reappointed A. T. Nelson of Lebanon a member of the state board of agriculture for a term of three years beginning June 20, 1911.

NO PAPER MONDAY

Christmas Day--in accordance with long established usage--our employes will be given a holiday, to enjoy with the readers of this paper what we hope will be a truly

Merry Christmas

The Democrat-Forum has faithfully tried to give to its readers at all times the very best it was capable of. Commencing Tuesday evening a feature will be presented to our readers we confidently hope they will find an agreeable and enjoyable Christmas treat—

WATCH FOR

THE FLYING MERCURY

A romance of motor racing that will thrill you like the sight of whirling cars. A modern story with a modern setting that we can truthfully say moves with a rapidity sufficient to satisfy any reader. A delightful serial about to appear in these columns.

Dont Miss the Opening Installment

Among the many good stories of the year there are none that surpass in interest this thrilling romance of modern motor racing. Every chapter grips and holds you and the interest is sustained throughout the whole story --a story without a villain or an unclean feature, one that can be read with approval by the entire household.

The Story Starts Tuesday

And will be continued from day to day until finished, making attractive holiday reading.

We make the announcement in the hope that the anticipation of this feature will help to make for some readers a

Merry Christmas

News of Society and Womens' Clubs

Dance On Christmas Night.

The Elks will give on Christmas night their annual Christmas ball. Many special features have been arranged and music will be furnished by the Glenn Goff orchestra of six pieces.

Mrs. Wright Will Be Hostess.

The M. I. Circle will meet with Mrs. U. S. Wright at her home, on South Main street, Tuesday afternoon, December 26, to open its Christmas box and serve its Christmas buffet luncheon.

Will Celebrate Son's Marriage.

A family reunion will take place Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Norris of East Second street, to celebrate the wedding of their son, Fred Norris, to Miss Lulu Combs of Hopkins, of which they have just learned. The wedding occurred on Friday, December 15, at Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have succeeded in keeping their marriage a secret for a week. They will arrive in Maryville Saturday evening.

Gave Christmas Program.

Thursday evening, December 21, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jones entertained the Dew Drop Inn club at their home, north of the city. A social evening was spent with music and Christmas recitations by the children. Those who recited were Andrew Farrar, Lloyd and Lula Orme and Mildred Jones. A Christmas song was given by Thelma and Lloyd Orme. Slips of paper were given to each one requiring them to write a ten-word telegram. The one writing the best one to be given a prize. Mr. E. A. Baker carried off the prize, which was a small black doll. A two-course luncheon was served. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present, who were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farrar and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Moore and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Orme and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baker and the host and hostess and children. The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stafford.

Attended Wedding Celebration.

Mr. O. C. Hanna arrived in Maryville Friday noon to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. Mr. Hanna recently stopped in Wellington, Kan., on his business as a traveling salesman, and was the guest of G. W. Fink, formerly proprietor of the Linville hotel of Maryville, who is now proprietor of the leading hotel at Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Fink celebrated their silver wedding anniversary while Mr. Hanna was there, and it was quite an enjoyable event. The Fink family is happy and prosperous at Wellington. Mr. Fink has a ranch near town, which he has well stocked with fine grade Jersey cattle, and he has several kinds of fine poultry and five hundred white pigeons. When Mr. Fink lived in Maryville he owned a farm one mile east of Maryville and made the breeding of fine cattle, horses and hogs a specialty. Their old friends in Maryville will be glad to know of their continued prosperity and happiness, and that their son, William, who was only just big enough to count when they left Maryville a few years ago, is coming on finely and is giving his parents every reason for satisfaction and pride in him.

Here for Christmas.

Mrs. E. L. Robinson and son of St. Joseph arrived in Maryville Saturday noon to be the guests of her aunts, Mrs. Henry Westfall and Miss Mary Ford. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Lucy Longan. Their parents moved to Des Moines, Ia., a few months ago. Miss Lucy will go to Des Moines as soon as she finishes her school work in St. Joseph.

Mrs. A. W. Bagby, living west of Maryville, went to Kansas City Friday evening to visit until after Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. H. Francis and son, Milo Francis, of Blanchard, Ia., were in Maryville Friday evening, returning home from a visit at Gravity, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Holbrook left Saturday morning for Waterville, Kan., to spend Christmas with their son, Carl Holbrook, and family.

Miss Lulu Miller, living east of Maryville, went to Bolckow Friday evening to visit her sister, Mrs. R. L. Houghtaling, until after Christmas.

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MUSIC IN CHURCHES

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a Little Baby."

Remarks by Rev. Parvin.

Duet—Vilas and Edward Awalt.

Distribution of gifts.

Closing hymns by congregation.

St. Patrick's Church.

The usual Christmas services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic church by the pastor, Rev. Father Niemann, at 6 o'clock and at 10 o'clock Christmas morning. The choir will render special music. F. Pehle's Mass will be sung, Miss Anna Collins and Miss Mae Parle to sing the soprano solo parts and Miss Eleanor Smith and Mr. Frank Cummins the alto parts. For the offertory they will sing "Quis Vidistes Pastores," by Hamma. Also the hymn "Glory to God." The altar boys and several other children of the church have been specially drilled for a part in these services.

St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The usual Christmas services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church. The first service will be held at 6 o'clock Christmas morning and the second service at 10 o'clock. The second service will be a repetition of the first service, so that those who are unable to attend the service at 6 o'clock may have the privilege of the 10 o'clock service. The choir will sing Hamme's Mass in F, and an Ave Maria will be sung by Miss Bertha Kirch. A tenor solo "Adeste Fidelis," will be sung by Mr. Conrad Yehle. Twelve altar boys will assist Rev. Fr. Anselm in the services.

Mrs. W. D. Walker and sons, John and Roy, living east of Maryville, went to Bolckow Friday evening to visit until after Christmas. They were accompanied by Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. Omer Davis, and little daughter, Lettie, of Bolckow, who had been visiting them several days. The two families will spend Christmas day with the mother of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. G. W. Neeley of Bolckow.

Mrs. W. R. Evans and daughter, Miss Nina, went to Eagleville, Mo., Saturday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beeks, and other relatives. They were accompanied by Miss Minnie Canady, a State Normal student, who was going to Eagleville to spend Christmas with home folks.

Walter Smith arrived from Chicago Saturday morning to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith. Another son, Fred Smith, will arrive home from Chicago Sunday for a visit with his parents.

Miss Maud McMillan, a teacher in the schools at Milwaukee, Wis., arrived in Maryville Saturday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMillan.

Mrs. M. C. Cain of Wilcox passed through Maryville Saturday on her way to Denver, Col., and Sharon Springs, Kan. She will visit her sons and other relatives at these points.

Miss Dorothy Pierce, who has been attending Chicago university, arrived home Saturday morning to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Leet of Crab Orchard, Neb., arrived Friday night for a visit over Christmas in the city with Mr. Leet's mother, Mrs. Sarah Leet, and other relatives.

Mrs. Charles Shipps and son, Seth, of Arkoe spent Friday making preparations for Christmas and visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Vanbriggle.

Mrs. Mary Dickey returned to her home in St. Joseph Friday evening, after a visit with her son, Walter Dickey, and family, living northeast of Maryville.

Miss Luna Corbin, principal of the high school at Hopkins, was in Maryville Friday evening on her way to her home in Kirksville to spend the holidays.

Mrs. John C. White, living west of Maryville, returned Saturday morning from Tekin, Ill., where she was called a week ago by the death of her brother.

Miss Ruby Ruddell left Friday evening for Holliday, Okla., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolin.

Misses Alice and Nannie Furlong of Bedison were in town Friday doing Christmas shopping.

Mrs. John Grimes and daughter, Miss Marie, were among the shoppers in town Friday.

Christmas lettuce and blooming plants at Strader & Wilson's.

LIVED UNDER FALSE NAME

St. Joseph Man Lives Down Crime and Is Pardoned.

WAS PROSPEROUS IN BUSINESS

Escaped from Prison in Texas, Has Led Exemplary Life in Missouri, and is Respected by all—Will Resume Family Name.

St. Joseph, Dec. 23.—Real liberty at the cost of having his past bared is what William T. Hammond, whose real name is Nathan Hurst has just accepted. And "Hammond" is at last to resume his true name.

Nathan Hurst is a prosperous stock and bond dealer and owns a big boarding house here. He is married and has six children. For more than 20 years he has lived here, respected by his neighbors and business associates. But 28 years ago in Texas Hurst was convicted of horse theft. He was sentenced to serve 17 years in the Texas penitentiary. He escaped after three months. Gov. Colquitt of Texas has just commuted the sentence after having made full investigation of Hurst's reform.

"Hammond" was found guilty at Fort Worth, Tex., on two counts of horse stealing. He was given 12 years in one case and five in the other. He began to serve his sentence at the penitentiary in Huntsville, when, one day, while manning a scraper on a railroad dump, he caught the guard temporarily off duty. Jerking the harness off one of the mules he was driving, Hurst rode to the woods. His escape was successful.

According to W. L. Hurst, the escaped man's father, who was in Austin, Tex., his son came immediately to St. Joseph. Here he assumed the name of Hammond and worked at a packing house. About eight years ago he ran for sheriff of Buchanan county. He came within ten votes of being elected. He has served several years as constable and deputy sheriff in St. Joseph.

W. L. Hurst, the father, says that he will bring the pardon to his son on New Year's day and that the family will start the year 1912 under its true name. The wife and children will be told the secret at New Year's dinner.

FOR MORE GOOD ROADS MONEY

Statewide Association Formed at Springfield to Secure Favorable Legislation.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 23.—To encourage the enactment of laws providing for an increased fund for state roads and for the purpose of securing repeal, modification and rearrangement of the present road laws of Missouri, the Missouri Statewide Road Improvement association was formed here. E. E. E. McJimsey of Springfield was elected president and M. V. Carroll of Sedalia was chosen secretary-treasurer of the association. An executive committee composed of H. F. Fellows, Springfield; W. R. Haight, Brandsville; Perry Lewis, St. Louis; J. M. Lowe, Kansas City; Colvin Pierce, Maryville, and two others to be selected later, will manage the affairs of the club in addition to the officers.

MRS. J. A. DEARING DEAD.

Passed Away at Her Home in Weleetka, Okla., Friday Night—Body Will Be Brought to Barnard.

Mrs. J. A. Dearing, formerly of Barnard, died Friday night at her home in Weleetka, Okla., after an illness of several weeks from paralysis. The body is expected to arrive in Barnard Saturday night and the funeral services will be held Sunday. Interment at Salem cemetery, four and a half miles northwest of Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearing moved to Weleetka two years ago from Barnard, and Mr. Dearing was engaged in the hardware business, as he had been in Barnard for many years. Mrs. Dearing was twice married. Her first husband was a son of the late Dr. T. C. Ellis of Barnard, and was a cousin of Dr. C. A. Ellis of Denver, Col. Her husband was accidentally killed about thirty years ago. They had one son, Thomas Ellis, who resides in Colorado Springs, Col. They lived on a farm in White Cloud township.

Mrs. Dearing was married to her husband, who survives, about twenty-three years ago, and he was a well known merchant of Barnard until their removal to Oklahoma. She is also survived by two brothers, J. West Montgomery of Weleetka, a former druggist of Maryville, and a brother who lives in Kentucky.

Harold and Dale Bellows arrived home Friday from Ames, Ia., where they have been attending the Iowa Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Roelofson and son, Ira, of Barnard were in Maryville Friday.

WILL SELL CAPITOL BONDS

AUDITOR GORDON OPTIMISTIC OVER DISPOSAL OF ISSUE.

Missouri's Commissioners Will Go as Far as Possible Before Money is in Treasury.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—"We can give the people of Missouri definite assurance that the capitol bonds will be sold," John B. Gordon, state auditor and a member of the board of fund commissioners, said at the Hotel Baltimore.

A committee of bankers, Mr. Gordon said, was working with the board of fund commissioners for the sale of the bonds. While no definite plans had yet been made, the $5,500,000 issue would be disposed of, he said. Judge James Cowgill, the state treasurer, who has been in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., is expected in Jefferson City January 1 and definite steps to dispose of the bonds will be taken then.

"Something of the difficulties in selling the bonds may be estimated," Mr. Gordon said, "when it is known that New York recently put a $10,000,000 non-taxable issue upon the market at 4 per cent. Our bonds bear 3½ per cent. However, we have the definite assurance of the bankers that they can and will be sold."

H. C. Flower of Kansas City, David R. Francis, William Lee and B. F. Edwards of St. Louis and H. B. Burns of St. Joseph are the members of the committee to dispose of the issue.

The state capitol commission is doing everything possible, Mr. Gordon says, to go ahead before the money from the bonds is in the state treasury. L. Baylor Pendleton, advisory architect of the board, has asked each of the state officers to submit plans for a model office for their department. He will leave soon with the four capitol commissioners for an inspection of the capitols and public buildings of other states.

NEW CHIEF GEOLOGIST

Waldemar Lindgren is the new chief geologist of the geological survey, having been appointed by Secretary of the Interior Fisher.

FARMER KILLED FOR HIS MONEY

Bachelor Near Dearborn, Mo., Found Dead and Partly Burned in His Home.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23.—The body of Henry Ford, a bachelor farmer who lived near Dearborn, was found in his home. The house was afire and Ford's head and right leg had been burned. Opinion is divided over the question of murder or suicide.

The body was removed after Coroner Byrd of St. Joseph viewed it, to the home of Ford's mother in Dearborn. Ford was last seen alive at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by the mail carrier. Later in the day James Sherwood, who lives on an adjoining farm, noticed smoke issuing from Ford's house and investigated. Traces of kerosene were found in the room where the body was lying in the flames. Sherwood put out the fire and summoned neighbors.

Ford lived alone and is supposed to have had considerable money. Dearborn bankers say he seldom banked any cash and this has led to the theory of murder. Others believe it is a case of suicide.

County Judges Organize.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 23.—The state association of county Judges was formed at a meeting here. Hugh C. Gilbert of Kansas City was elected temporary president and J. P. Reed of Springfield was elected temporary secretary.

Guilty of Child Murder.

Muskogee, Ok., Dec. 23.—William Irwin was found guilty of the murder of Herbert and Castella Sells by a jury here. The sentence will be life imprisonment. Irwin is a real estate dealer.

Fire at Wanette, Ok.

Shawnee, Ok., Dec. 23.—A fire at Wanette destroyed one-half of the business section of the city, with a loss of $25,000. Five frame buildings and two brick buildings were burned.

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This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men and I am convinced it is the surest-acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together.

I think I owe it to my fellow men to send them a copy in confidence so that any man anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what I believe is the quickest-acting restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 3759 Luck Bldg., Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid recipe in a plain ordinary envelope free of charge. A great many doctors would charge $3.00 to $5.00 for merely writing out a prescription like this—but I send it entirely free.

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"For Sale," "For Rent" and "Rooms or Rent" cards at this office, only 10 cents each.

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FOR RENT—7-room house, two blocks from square. Inquire Democrat-Forum. 20-tf

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FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Mrs. Marion F. Smith, 505 North Buchanan. Bell phone 193. 21-23

FOR RENT—Furnished house five or seven rooms, Jan. 1. Paved street, close in, electric lights, water and bath. Small family only. References required. Enquire this office. 27-tf

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A. M. Evans of St. Joseph was in the city Saturday visiting his brother, Geo. L. Evans, and family.

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MUSIC IN CHURCHES

PROGRAMS TO BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE TO THE JOYOUS SEASON.

SERMONS TREAT OF DAY

Entertainments to Be Given in the Churches Sunday Evening Except One.

First Christian Church.

Regular preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Miller. Subject, "Campaigning for Jesus." Bible school at 9:30. Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Leader, Mrs. Henderson.

Special music for the morning service:

Processional—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War".....Cutler

Anthem—"Shout Hosanna"...Ashford

Choir.

Solo—"The Heavenly Song".....Gray

Miss Litta Roelofson.

The evening service at 7:30 p. m. will be given to Christmas program. The children of the Bible school will sing and recite, and the choir will render some special music.

Presents will not be placed on the tree, but boxes of candy will be given to the children. All invited. The program:

Recitation, "Dearest Little Stranger"—Ruth Bookman.

Recitation, "My Stocking"—Neola Bratcher.

Recitation, "When Christmas Comes"—Paul Robey.

Recitation, "Christmas Time"—Genevieve Todd.

Recitation, "Christmas Cheer"—Irene Schoonover.

Song, "Just a Little Baby"—Primary class.

Recitation, "A Little Child Can Loyal Be"—Lorene Hartley.

Recitation, "The Angel's Message"—Mildred Shinabargar.

Recitation, "My Dolly"—Eva Margaret Frank.

Solo, "Beautiful Star"—Doris Goforth.

Recitation, "What Can I Do?"—Marie Davenport.

Exercise, "The Christ Child"—1. Elwin Broyles. 2. Esther Roseberry. 3. Lora May Crossan. 4. Margarett Louise Hosmer. 5. Roberta Cook. 6. LaVerne Robey.

Solo, "Jackey Frost"—Mary Todd.

Recitation, "Sweetly Sang the Angels"—Paul Robey.

Recitation, "My Grandma"—Alta Huffine.

Recitation, "My Grandpa"—Myrtle Frazee.

Solo, "A Little Christmas Gift"—Lona Gilbert.

Recitation—Eva Ledgerwood.

Recitation—Ethel Martha Condon.

Recitation, "Hang Up the Baby's Stocking"—Ora May Condon.

Song, "The Manger Song"—Miss Reuillard's class, Miss Wilfley's class, Miss Boyer's class.

Recitation, "Before and After"—Gladys Bookman.

Exercise, "Our Christmas Banner"—Mrs. Paul Boyer's class.

During the evening the church choir will render the following:

Anthem—"We Have Seen His Star in the East".....Clare

Anthem—"O Holy Night".....Lyon

Solo, Mrs. Robinson.

Anthem—"There Were Shepherds"..

.....Giffe

Bass solo, Mr. H. J. Becker.

First M. E. Church.

Sunday school at 9:30, W. F. Smith, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 10:45. Epworth League services at 6:30. At 7:30 the Christmas exercises by the Sunday school. To all these services all are cordially invited.

The program for the Christmas entertainment at the First M. E. church Sunday evening is not quite complete. Each of the twenty-three classes of the Sunday school will furnish a number on the program, which will be given by a member of the class or the class as a whole. The numbers so far reported are:

Recitation—Miss Annetta Lorance.

Christmas song—Mrs. J. A. Lesh's class.

Song—Primary class.

Song—Miss Dessa Cox's class.

Japanese drill—Miss Ethel Embree's class.

Recitations—Classes taught by C. C. Corwin and S. H. Kemp.

Song—Class taught by Rev. C. H. John.

Song—Miss Dena Hartman's class.

Recitation—Chester Bennett's class.

Recitation—Miss Dale Hoffman's class.

Song—Miss Carrie Margaret Baker's class of boys.

Song—Miss LaRue Kemp's class.

Song, in German—Classes of Wm. Funk and J. V. Embree.

Solo—Mrs. F. E. Whitchurch.

First Baptist Church.

The pastor, Rev. Lee Harrel, will preach at 11 o'clock a. m. His subject will be "Christmas, the Birthday of the Man Who Never Gave the World a Dollar." At this service Miss Marie Jones, who is at home for the Christmas holidays from her concert tour, will sing "Bethlehem" by Coombs. Sunday school at the usual hour, 9:30 a. m. The evening service will be the Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school and the offering to the Baptist Orphans' Home at St. Louis. The children of the Sunday school will be given their usual treat.

The program follows:

Opening welcome chorus—School.

Presentation of gifts for Orphans' home.

Scripture lesson—First primary.

Recitation—Bessie Schaub.

Recitation—Homer Orden.

Chorus—Primary department.

Recitation—Ruth Olney.

Recitation—Curtis Coe.

Anthem—Choir.

Recitation—Mary Coe.

Recitation—Mildred Avitt.

Soldier drill—Mrs. Harry Miller's class.

Recitation—Eva Beaman.

Solo—Mr. Orlo Quinn.

Reading—Prof. Miller.

Treat for children of Sunday school—Santa Claus.

First Presbyterian Church.

There will be no preaching services in the morning. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. In the evening the Sunday school will give its Christmas program.

The program follows:

Song, "Ring On Christmas Bells"—The school.

Anthem, "Bright and Best," Dudley Buck—Choir.

Scripture reading.

Anthem, "Song of Ages," Meredith—Choir. Violin obligato, Miss Wilson.

Recitation—John Demott.

Song, "Sing a Merry Christmas"—Primary class.

Recitation—Philip Colbert.

Vocal duet—Helen Rose and Bernice Crawford.

Song, "Oh, Guiding Star"—Boys' chorus.

Recitation—Fay Farmer.

Violin solo, "Traumerei," Schuman—Miss Wilson.

Song, "Silent Night"—School.

Anthem, "The Shepherd's Vision," Meredith—Choir. Violin obligato, Miss Wilson.

M. E. Church, South.

The pastor, Rev. W. J. Parvin, will preach at 10:45 Sunday morning. Miss Myrtle Sheldon will sing "The Babe of Bethlehem" at this service. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The evening services will be dispensed with on account of the Christmas programs at the other churches, giving this congregation opportunity to attend any of the Christmas services they may wish. The following is the Christmas program to be given by the Sunday school of the church on Saturday evening, December 23:

Song by choir.

Solo—Alice Peery.

Recitation, "What Can I Give the Christ King"—Russell Allen, Niles Selecman, Ray Barry, Victor Moore, Edward Awalt, Cecil Mail. Paul Brown.

Solo, "The Holy Child"—Miss Myrtle Sheldon.

Recitation, "The Christmas Star"—Mary Carpenter, Thelma Craig, Stella May Brown, Opal Campbell, Wilma Ball.

Solo—Julian Parvin.

Recitation—Louise Peery.

Song by children, "Christ Was Once

(Continued on page 4.)

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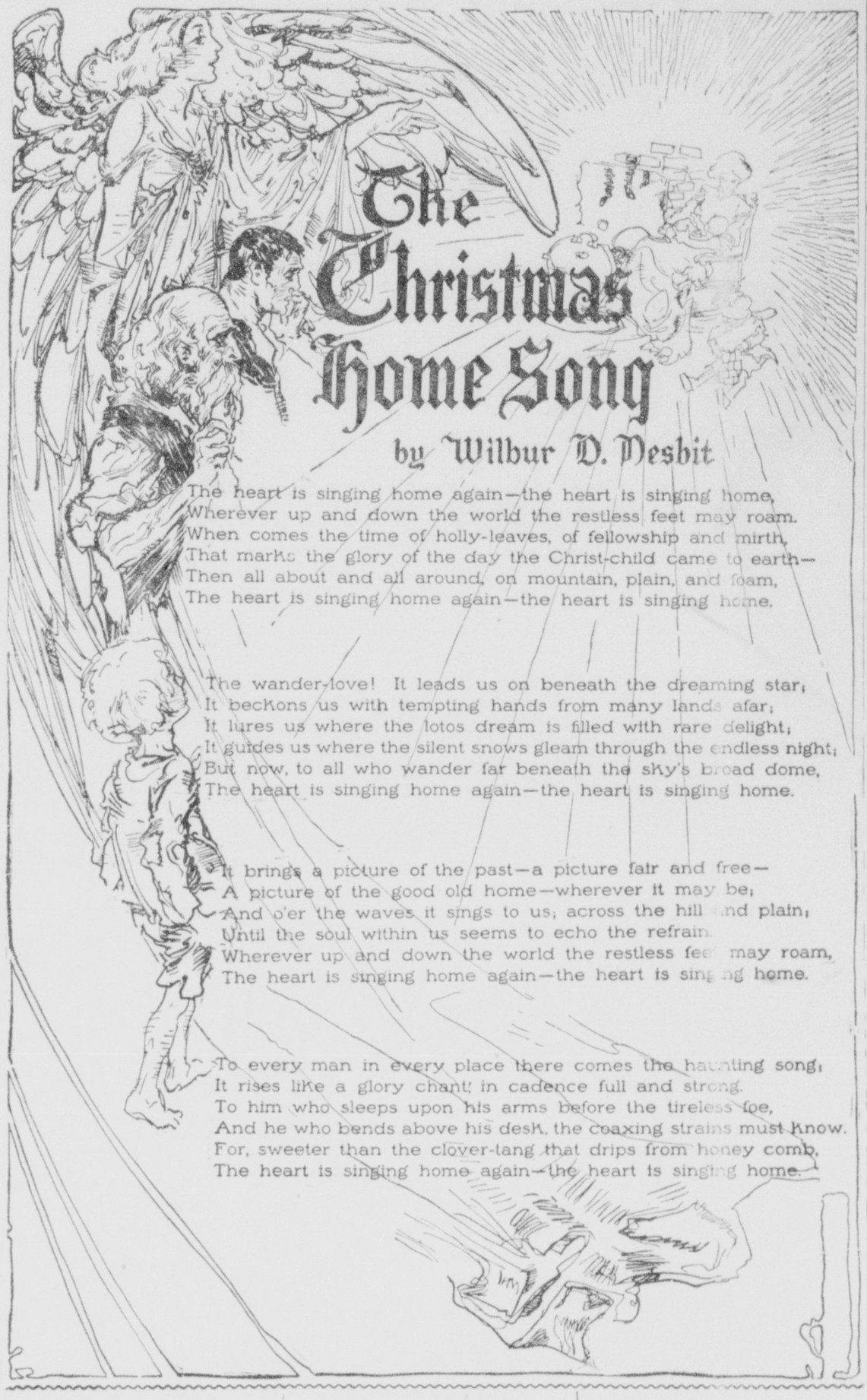

The Christmas Home Song
by Wilbur D. Nesbit
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home,
Wherever up and down the world the restless feet may roam.
When comes the time of holly-leaves, of fellowship and mirth,
That marks the glory of the day the Christ-child came to earth—
Then all about and all around, on mountain, plain, and foam,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.
The wander-love! It leads us on beneath the dreaming star;
It beckons us with tempting hands from many lands afar;
It lures us where the lotos dream is filled with rare delight;
It guides us where the silent snows gleam through the endless night;
But now, to all who wander far beneath the sky's broad dome,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.
It brings a picture of the past—a picture fair and free—
A picture of the good old home—wherever it may be;
And o'er the waves it sings to us, across the hill and plain,
Until the soul within us seems to echo the refrain.
Wherever up and down the world the restless feet may roam,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.
To every man in every place there comes the haunting song;
It rises like a glory chant, in cadence full and strong.
To him who sleeps upon his arms before the tireless foe,
And he who bends above his desk, the coaxing strains must know.
For, sweeter than the clover-tang that drips from honey comb,
The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

GRANTED NEW TRIAL.

In Lund-Partridge Case—Few Cases to Supreme Court and K. C. Court of Appeals.

A new trial was granted Friday afternoon by Judge Ellison in the case of Victoria A. Lund vs. the estate of John F. Partridge, deceased.

An appeal was granted by the court to the supreme court in the following cases: John O'Connor vs. James Charles O'Connor et al., a perfect title suit, the appeal being asked by the defendant; and John Allen vs. Mary O'Donnell et al., a perfect title suit, the plaintiff asking for the appeal.

An appeal was allowed in the case of Lawrence F. Growney vs. the Wabash to the Kansas City court of appeals.

The case of John Stundon, Jr., vs. Z. W. Harris, et al., was dismissed by the plaintiff.

There will be no more court until January 25, when a special term will be held.

DID NOT GIVE $1500.

St. Francis Hospital Did Not Donate to the New Parish School.

A report has been circulated around the city by some that the St. Francis hospital gave $1500 to the new St. Mary's Parish school. Mother Superior of the hospital asked the Democrat-Forum to state that the hospital did not subscribe to the parish school fund as they did not have the money to give, and probably that the report was circulated with the intention of hurting the elevator fund for the hospital.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank Reavis.....Maryville
Carrie Neola Thummel.....Parnell
Ross K. Strawbridge.....Maryville
Bess K. Armstrong.....Sheridan
Ernest A. Riley.....Maryville
Dora M. Richey.....Hopkins
Floyd T. Snell.....Skidmore
Bess T. Hitchcock.....Skidmore

SAMUEL MASTERS DEAD.

Well Known Resident Passed Away Saturday Morning at Home in This City.

Samuel Masters, who had been a resident of this county for over thirty years, passed away at his home, on South Market street, Saturday morning at 4:30 o'clock, from an illness of stomach trouble, from which he had been a great sufferer since the first of October. Several weeks ago, accompanied by a brother, Mr. Masters went to Rochester, Minn., to consult the great Mayo specialists, but received no encouragement from them, and he returned home resigned to the inevitable end.

The funeral services will be held at the family home, on South Market street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Claude J. Miller of the First Christian church. Burial in Miriam cemtetry.

Mr. Masters was born in Oneida, Ill., fifty-four years ago the first day of November last. He lived there until he was about 18 years old, when he came with his father's family to Nodaway county and settled on a farm southwest of Maryville. His father, the late George Masters, died several years ago at quite an advanced age.

Mr. Masters was married thirty years ago to Miss Catherine Garnet of Omaha. Two children were born to them, Fred Masters of this city and Miss Chloe Masters, at home, who survive with their mother. Seven brothers and two sisters also survive, who are Oren and John Masters of Skidmore; Edward, Woodford, George and Ott Masters of Maryville, and Henry Masters of Omaha; one brother, Frank Masters, died at his home, near Maryville, about six years ago. The sisters are Mrs. E. J. Dempsey of South Fillmore street and Mrs. Charles Critchfield of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sharp of Ft. Madison, Ia., arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Sharp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mozingo.

TO SEND OUT 81 BASKETS.

All Reports of Needy Families Needing Eatables Should Be Sent in by Tonight.

Another meeting of the tag day committee was held Friday evening, and at that time eighty-one baskets of eatable goods had been arranged for. While Adolph Lippman had offered to pay for $1 worth more of eatables in each basket, it was decided that at this time if Mr. Lippman wanted to do this he could, but the committee would have nothing to do with it.

The committee had eighty-one families on the list, but more will probably be added today. All reports of needy families can be turned in not later than this evening.

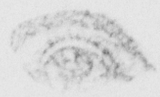
BOUGHT PRATHER BARN.

Geo. W. Hartley is the Purchaser and Will Remodel Same for an Auto Garage.

George W. Hartley of this city, who moved here several months ago from Stockton, Ia., has purchased of the Prather estate the North Main street barn, where the Union Bus company was formerly located. Mr. Hartley intends to remodel the barn and make an automobile garage out of it. Mason & Wilderman, dealers in automobiles, have leased the garage.

Mrs. William Ramey of Arkoe was in Maryville Friday shopping.

DR. FINN



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E. L. STREET WRITES

TO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN REGARD TO PLANT HERE.

SUGGESTS A CONFERENCE

With Board's Enginers—Says New Plant Would Be an Unnecessary Burden to the City.

The board of public works received a letter Saturday from E. L. Street, president of the City Water company, in which he states that the quickest way for the company and board to get together on a reasonable price for the water plant here would be for Mr. Street to have a conference with the board's engineers and go over the plans so the engineers could intelligently pass upon his recommendations. The full text of Mr. Street's letter follows:

December 20, 1911.—S. G. Gillam, Esq., Secretary of Public Works Board, Maryville, Mo. Dear Sir—I have given some study to the points brought out in our conference in Maryville a short time ago with a view to making a formal reply to your efforts to bring about a purchase of the water company's property on behalf of the city.

I find myself at the outset facing a very difficult proposition to discuss, in view of the fact that the information you were able to furnish was only a very partial extract from the reports of your engineers.

It would have rendered my task a very simple one if you could have seen your way to place the reports of your engineers in my hands for discussion.

In the absence, however, of this assistance, I will do my best to meet the case.

To begin with, the company's desire is naturally to make a sale based on the largest practicable use of the water works property as it now stands consistent with an efficient plant for the future use of the city.

I am inclined to infer from the information secured, however, that your engineers were rather disposed to ignore the existing plant as far as possible, both with regard to a river supply and a supply drawn from wells.

All surface water supplies are more or less threatened by contamination, and this fact will have a bearing on Maryville's water supply as long as it is drawn from the river, and the proposal of one of your engineers to construct a new intake a short distance above the existing one with a view to eliminating one source of possible contamination seems to me to ignore the fact that there are still other sources of contamination higher up the river, and that if this matter is to determine the character of the new works it can be met by an equipment of filters at the present plant just as efficiently as at any other point, and I might add that the present plant is located at a desirable point for drawing water from the river by a system of underground tile drainage such a I have had in operation at other points under similar conditions for a number of years, and which I should be pleased to discuss with your engineers.

It is quite possible that the application of this method of drawing water from the river would remove the necessity for the installation of filters for many years to come, and would in any case go a long way toward purifying a river supply.

The present pumphouse site is also well adapted for the installation of a system of wells for drawing water from the underlying sand bed in case the popular demand for a well supply should appeal to your engineers as a better solution of the problem.

Either one of the above described

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The Weather

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; warmer tonight; colder Sunday night or Monday.

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Students in the
Maryville Business College Before Xmas
200 Coming, Jan. 2

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Some of the visitors at the high school this week were Misses Allie Fraser, Marie Reuillard, Katherine Kuchs, Messrs. Basford, Ralph Jameson, Flemming Carpenter and Mary Foster of this city, Robert Paul Hogan, Fred Wolfers, Mr. Long of the University of Missouri, John Owen Murrin and Andy Chris Cummins, who attend school in Atchison, Kan., and Mr. Harry McIntyre, the principal of the Chillicothe high school.

All of the teachers living out of Maryville started for their Christmas vacation Friday night or Saturday morning. Miss Lillian M. Lindholm went to her home in Chicago, Ill.; Miss Calla Varner to Union Star, Mo.; Miss Margaret Thompson to her home in Iowa, Miss Antoinette Craig to Davenport, Okla.; Mr. E. A. Horton to Mexico, Mo., while Miss Winifred Ashby will spend Christmas in Maryville with her mother, who comes here from Cleveland, O., and Superintendent Hawkins' family of Columbia will be with him in the city during the week.

Miss Anna Bainum entertained her teachers at her home, on West Third street at a 6 o'clock dinner on Thursday. Those present beside the hostess were Miss Calla Varner, Miss Winifred Ashby, Miss Alicia Keeler, Miss Lillian Lindholm and Superintendent Hawkins.

Mr. Tom Middleton of Lathrop, Mo., will deliver the graduating address on January 19, 1912. Mr. Middleton was for three years a high school student and afterward finished the seminary. He is now a minister of Lathrop. An excellent address is assured.

One of the jolliest and best assembly hours in the history of the school was enjoyed at the high school on Friday. The students were just chock full of the Christmas spirit and merriment, and were made happier by the presence of so many old high school students and alumni. After the usual songs were sung, Miss Glen Hotchkiss gave a most delightful reading from the Christmas scene in "Ben Hur." The rendition of the beautiful selection was excellent, and although Miss Hotchkiss did not read again, an encore was long and vigorously demanded by the students. The girls' chorus of the high school then gave the "Chorus of the Returning Pilgrims," by Wagner, and when urged responded with an encore. Miss Varner then asked for talks from the high school alumni and former students. Mr. Walter Wray, Robert Wells and Charles Kane responded with short talks, which were enjoyed very much by the students. They spoke of the university life and experiences and the opportunities which are offered. Almost every visiting student spoke some word, and how well these young men covered the ground may be surmised when Superintendent Hawkins was called upon for a talk. He declared that all had been said but "Merry Christmas."

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E. L. STREET WRITES

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methods could be efficiently installed in conjunction with the existing large storage reservoir or without it. In the latter case the said reservoir could be reserved for ice making purposes under conditions in which its efficiency for this purpose would be even greater than at the present time, and the revenue derived from this source would take care of the expense of hauling coal, which has been raised as an objection to the present site.

It seems clear to me that to install a new plant without reference to these desirable conditions would not only result in great loss to the company, but would also impose upon the city an altogether unnecessary burden of expense, and in view of the fact that this matter lies at the foundation of the whole discussion, it occurs to me as likely that the quickest way for us to come together would be for me to have a conference with your engineers for the purpose of laying these plans before them in such a way that they could intelligently pass upon my recommendations.

We have lived with the plant for a number of years and have had its future requirements under consideration for a long time, and we think that this gives us a real advantage in appraising the requirements of Maryville's water works problem.

Kindly give this matter your early consideration and advise me of any conclusion which may occur to you.

I do not know whether your attention has been called to the fact that there now exists a first mortgage upon the property of the water company of $20,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, and due July 1st, 1919.

These bonds can be retired at par. If in the event of an agreement with the water company you desire to leave this mortgage outstanding upon the property, there is no reason why it should not remain until maturity.

Yours truly,
EDGAR L. STREET.

Dr. Frank Zenders Very Ill.

Dr. Frank Zenders, who for many years was a veterinary surgeon of this city, is critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Whorton, 622 Penney avenue, Kansas City, Kan. His son, Joseph Zenders of St. Louis, has been summoned to his father's bedside, and another son, Frank Zenders, Jr., lives in Kansas City and is with his father. Dr. Zenders' health began to fail perceptibly last March, following a severe spell of pneumonia. Tuberculosis developed and its ravages have about completed the work. The news of Dr. Zenders' condition reached Maryville friends Saturday.

Returned From Rochester.

Mrs. Fletcher Irwin and her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. C. Irwin, of Chicago, arrived in Maryville Friday night from Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Fletcher Irwin has been a patient at the Mayo hospital. Mrs. Irwin arrived Saturday morning from Chicago and will spend Christmas here with his family and relatives. Mrs. Irwin will remain in the city for several weeks the guest of her mother and sister, Mrs. Catharine Miller and Mrs. F. P. Robinson, until she has fully recovered her strength. It will be good news to her many friends that she is recovering nicely.

To Old Home for Christmas.

Miss Fannie Hope of the State Normal Training school, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Thana Hope, and her little niece, Charlotte Welchel, left Friday evening for their former home at Independence, Kan., to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Hope's other daughter, Miss Myra Hope, who teaches in the schools of Caney, Kan., and Mrs. E. A. Stark, will be there to spend Christmas.

Will Go to California.

Mrs. A. A. McGuire, who has been making her brother, J. H. Allen, who lives on the Diem farm, left Friday evening for McAlister, Kan., to visit another brother, W. C. Allen, a short time. She will leave in a few days for Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the winter with a brother and sister, E. A. Allen and Mrs. E. A. Sharp.

Here From Chicago.

Dr. Fred C. Honnold of Chicago arrived in Maryville Saturday morning to meet his family, who have been here several days, for a Christmas visit with his mother and sister, Mrs. M. J. Honnold and Mrs. George P. Bellows.

Went to kansas City.

Mrs. Frank G. Shoemaker and daughter, Miss Esther, went to Kansas City Friday evening to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. D. F. Boyd. Mr. Shoemaker will join them in Kansas City Sunday.

Miss Mollie Hines, a State Normal student, went to her home in Clarksdale Friday evening to spend Christmas.

Our Christmas, Its Origin and Its Meaning

(By Rev. Lee Harrel.)

December 25, 1911! What does that mean? Why do I date my letter thus? Because more than nineteen hundred years ago a Jewish babe was born in a manger in Bethlehem of Judea. There was no room for Him in the inn—there was no cradle—they wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. There were no bells rung on that night when Prince Immanuel was born. But while the Shepherds watched their flocks an angel of the Lord said, "Fear not; behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Then it was that a mighty multitude of angels broke the stillness of the night with their song, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

Those good tidings of great joy are with us yet, and that song of "peace on earth, good will toward men," finds a responsive chord in every true heart. But while the Christmas season is a time of great joy and rejoicing throughout the civilized world, and while it is the epochal date of all human chronology, history and civilization, yet no one can difinitively fix the date of the birth of Christ.

So it will be well for us to look for a little while at the institution of the Christmas festival. It may be prosaic reading, but I trust it will at least be profitable to some of us.

There are certain traces of this festival found in the reign of the Emperor Commodus 180-192 A. D. But the first historical data we have of its observance was about the middle of the fourth century, 360 A. D. in Rome; 380 in Antioch, and about 430 in Alexandria.

In the reign of Diocletian, while that ruler was keeping court in Nicomediat, a multitude of Christians were assembled in a church to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, and the emperor ordered the doors of the building closed and the church burned. All the worshipers perished. This was in the latter part of the reign of Diocletian, 284-305 A. D.

The authorization of the day is ecclesiastical and rational, but not definitely scriptural, the observance being neither commended nor followed by the New Testament writers. This Christian festival, as others, was a transformation or regeneration of kindred heathen festival, which occurred about this time of year.

Almost all the heathen nations regarded the winter solstice as a most important point of the year, as a beginning of the renewed life and activity of the powers of nature, and of the gods, who were originally, perhaps, only the symbolical personification of these.

The Germans and the Celts from the earliest times celebrated this season of the year with the greatest festivities. At the winter solstice the Germans held their great yule-feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun-wheel; and believed that during the twelve nights from December 25 to January 6 they could trace the personal movement and interference on earth of their great deities, Odin, Berchta, etc.

Even to this day the German peasants tell their children many strange stories about things done during these nights. A reason for the keeping of twelve nights, may be found in the fact that "Old Christmas day" was January 6. When Gregory XIII reformed the calendar, in 1582, he omitted ten days; but when the new style was adopted in England in 1752, it was necessary to cut off eleven days, which drove January 6 back to December 25 of the previous year. So our January 6 would be the old Christmas, or December 25.

According to Dr. Schaff, "The church fathers themselves confirmed the symbolical reference of the feast of the birth of Christ, the Sun of righteousness, the Light of the world, to the birth festival of the unconquered sun, which on the twenty-fifth day of December, after the winter solstice breaks the growing powers of darkness and begins anew his heroic career." It was thus the church sought to banish the deeprooted heathen feeling adding, for the purification of the heathen feasts and customs, her "manger songs" and a multitude of Christian carols, besides her dramatic representations of the birth of Christ and the early events of His life.

Many of these dramas became very corrupt, they degenerated into farces or fools' feasts, very much like some of the present day. Thus the church adopted the pagan festivals, which "might be called unconscious prophecies of the Christmas feast," and turned them about to the glory of God. And so arose the Christ-trees, or Christmas trees, present giving, and Christmas dishes. Thus Christmas became a universal social festival, for young and old, high and low, as no other Christmas festival could have become. The present happy festivity of all sects in Christian communities make the day a good mile post of progress toward the realizations of "peace on earth, good will toward men"—of the never-to-be forgotten song of the angels.

"It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold.

"Peace on earth, good-will to men
From Heaven's all-gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To the hear angels sing."

That event which nineteen centuries ago moved the Shepherds of the Galilean hills to hasten to Bethlehem is the same that today fills the world with new joy and moves all Christendom to fervent praise and thanksgiving. That which was made known to the world by the song of the angels on the fields of Bethlehem is today proclaimed around the whole world by pealing bells, by hymns and anthems of praise from innumerable choirs, by prayers of thanksgiving and by joyous greetings in millions of homes.

Christmas is a time for which the human heart is hungry. It is a time of joy and domestic affection, when families that have long been separated meet together, when the children come home again to the bosom of their parents, when brothers and sister meet in the old homestead, and vie with each other as to who can love and honor father and mother best and most. To some of us now, this is all like a dream, but our dream will always be with us. Sometimes in the night watches, we seem to talk with their angels, and they smile sweetly and graciously upon us. Memory leaps across the chasm of the years. It is Christmas. We are at home, a child again.

"O for one year of youthful joy!
Give me back my twentieth spring!
I'd rather laugh a bright-haired boy,
Than reign a gray-haired king."

Christmas is a time when every house should be decorated with evergreen and every table loaded with good cheer. It is a time when all hearts not destitute of kindness should be enlarged and softened—a time when we should expect "good tidings." "Tidings" is a beautiful word, we eagerly open a letter; we listen closely to a message personally brought; but Christmas day the message is brought by the attendant angel of our Lord, and he declares it "good tidings." The unfolding events of our destiny are revealed to us by His messenger of love. O, what is the matter with us all, that we can never learn that the richest joys this world can give are not to be bought with money, and were never intended for the few. They are as free as the air and are within the grasp of even the child of poverty. In a little cottage, about which the magic circle of love has been drawn, where the happy voices of the children cry, "Merry Christmas, papa! Merry Christmas, mamma!" there may be found joys such as a king might envy, and such as angels might look for in vain.

The prevalent kindliness and cheer of Christmas are the out-workings of the Christ-spirit among men. How beautiful is the hospitality of Christmas times! It is then that the poor are allowed to partake of the overflowing wealth of the rich and the interval between the landlord and tenant, master and servant, is less marked than at other times. Yes, these Christmas heart openings are conducive to hospitality—a word that has almost lost its meaning. Hospitality is the attestation of love to one's fellow through the medium of the home. It is not simply a formal ceremonial reception extended to him under one's roof; but a cordial entertainment. Its invitation is larger than the simple Come; it is Welcome. It is offered not in the mere extending of the hand, but in the expanding of the heart. It opens not merely the door of the spare room, but that of one's own room—even the door of his affections. It greets not with a take, but share. It does not simply acquiesce, but urges with sweet confidence.

Beautiful, indeed, were these gatherings of our fathers on Christmas day. When the lads and lasses romped under the mistletoe. When the heart was free and light. When the corrupting influences of modern civilization were unknown. When love was love, and the marriage vow a sacred thing. When home was not merely a place to stay, but a place of unfettered joy. Give us back the old Christmas days, where every man, who is worthy of the name of a man, feels conscious of a return to boyhood again. Where the endearments of home are enjoyed without fear of the cynical sneer or the bantering laugh. Where one can throw off his mask he has worn so long in self-defense, and honestly, too, that others might not pierce his heart, can throw off his mask and make bare his heart and be himself again.

"Ye who have wronged each other,
Or injured friend or brother,
In this fast-fading year;
Ye who by word or deed
Have made a kind heart bleed,
Come gather here!
Let sinned against and sinning
Forget their strife's beginning
And join in friendship now;
Be links no longer broken,
Be sweet forgiveness spoken
Under the holly bough.

Ye who have nourished sadness,
Estranged from hope and gladness,
In this fast fading year;
Ye with over burdened mind,
Made aliens from your kind,
Come, gather here!
Let not your useless sorrow
Pursue you night and morrow,
If ever you hoped, hope now
Take heart! Uncloud your faces
And join in our embraces,
Under the holly bough."

Tender and sweet, beautiful and strong, is the Christmas story as it sings itself once again around the world. It is the music the world has always wanted—music to which the heart responds without effort. No matter how much of a tradesman day it may have become; no matter how much of a day of feasting it may have been turned into, nothing weighs against the broad fact that it is the day when men think of Christ in a sweet, and tender fashion, and the children are brought into a sense of the great gift of God in a way different from that of other days.

Out of his heart the writer wishes A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all the world. To his friends, that the sunny side of life may be the larger side; that the shadows be not too dark; but that in any event they may have the mastery. To his enemies—who are next best, for while friends share our sorrows, a good foe can help us to drown them; to his enemies he wishes the best that God can give—a clear eyesight and a clean heart. To all and several, the best one year can bring, not perhaps the easiest, but the best. If right to stay right; if wrong to be set right. And whether it is to be a good New Year or not, is in our own hands, each for himself and for so many as he can reach.

Todays Markets

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—300. Market steady. Estimate tomorrow, 13,000.

Hogs—13,000. Market strong; top, $6.30. Estimate tomorrow, 28,000.

Sheep—200. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—200. Market steady.

Hogs—2,500. Market strong; top $6.30.

Sheep—None.

ST. JOSEPH.

Cattle—100. Market steady.

Hogs—4,500. Market strong; top, $6.30.

Sheep—None.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 22.—Cattle receipts, 1,000. Quality represented an ordinary class. No change developed in the trade. Prospects fair for next week.

Hog receipts, 8,000. A slow, steady basis in force today. Top, $6.25; bulk of the good hogs bringing $5.90@6.25. It looks all right for next week. Hogs on the light order shade lower today.

Sheep receipts, 500. Nothing choice on offer. Trade steady with the high time of last week.

National Live Stock Commission Co.

Miss Antoinette Craig of the public school faculty went to Kansas City Friday evening to spend two days with her brother, Harvey Craig, and family. She will then go to Davenport, Okla., to spend the remainder of her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Craig.

Strader & Wilson greenhouse, Fifth and Main. Lettuce, eating apples.

Clearmont Without a Paper

In this week's Clearmont Ledger an announcement appears that the Ledger plant will be moved to Iowa. The editor of the paper, says:

A little over one year ago we came to Clearmont, believing that we could make a living in the newspaper business, but we have failed to do so, and having run behind each month, we feel it our duty to our family to cease publishing the Ledger in Clearmont. We have made arrangements to move the plant to Iowa, and will leave here about January 1st. We will, however, get out one more paper this month.

Students Go Home for Christmas.

The following students in our city left for their home Friday evening to spend Christmas and New Year's: Misses Laura and Birdie Ozenberger of St. Joseph, Miss Ruth Dunn and Miss Cora Sell of Barnard; Robert and Miss Marie Metzger of Graham, Misses Ruth Ramey and Sylvia Coulter of Arkoe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Sanders and daughter, Mariam, went to St. Joseph Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sanders. They were accompanied as far as St. Joseph by little Misses Mabel, Evelyn and Laura Margaret Raines, who went to Rockport to spend Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raines. They were met in St. Joseph by their aunt, Miss Edith Raines, a teacher in the St. Joseph high school, who accompanied them to Rockport.

Harry Foster of Chariton, Ia., arrived Saturday to join his family here on a Christmas visit to his mother, Mrs. John Foster, and Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. W. T. Garrett, and their families.

Were Married by 'Squire Morris.

Miss Bess T. Hitchcock and Floyd T. Shell of Skidmore were married Saturday afternoon by 'Squire J. W. Morris.

J. C. Ferritor of Sparks, Nev., arrived in Maryville Friday night for a visit with his brother, E. L. Ferritor, and for a visit with relatives at Clyde. E. L. Ferritor met his brother at Omaha and accompanied him to Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Langan and daughter, Miss Grace Langan, went to St. Joseph Saturday morning to spend Christmas with their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. C. Baker and family.

For Sale
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LIVED ON RAW EGGS

Mr. Richard's Experience With Different Diets. Peaches and Buttermilk for Three Years.

Cecilton, Md.—Mr. George Richards, of this place, during the past 12 years, has probably tried more different diets than the average person would ever use in a lifetime.

What he has to say about his experiments, must therefore be highly interesting to anyone suffering from indigestion or stomach troubles of any kind.

He says: "For more than 12 years, I suffered with stomach troubles, and paid hundreds of dollars for doctor bills and medicines. I was also operated on for piles.

I lived on dried peaches and buttermilk for nearly three years. The only thing that would not give me pain was raw eggs.

I was a physical wreck. I could not sleep, and was as near crazy as a man could well be.

I must say that after taking two 25-cent packages of Thedford's Black-Draught, it did me more good than all I ever spent for other medicines.

I have been working daily on the farm ever since, and I am as hard as iron." This purely vegetable remedy has been in successful use for more than 70 years. Try it. But be sure that it's "Thedford's."

Home for Christmas.

Miss Margaret McDougal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McDougal, and Miss Mary Orcutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orcutt, who are members of the faculty of the public schools at Caney, Kan., arrived in Maryville Saturday noon to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.

SAGE AND SULPHUR.

Darkens the Hair, Gives Color and Luster to Faded and Gray Hair.

From time immemorial, sage and sulphur have been used for the hair and scalp. Almost everyone knows of the value of such a combination for darkening the hair, for curing dandruff and falling hair, and for making the hair grow.

In olden times the only way to get a hair tonic of this sort was to brew it in the home fireplace, a method which was troublesome and not always satisfactory. Nowadays almost every up-to-date druggist can supply his patrons with a ready-to-use product, skillfully compounded in perfectly equipped laboratories. The Wyeth Chemical company of New York put up an ideal remedy of this sort, called Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy, and authorize druggists to sell it under guarantee that the money will be refunded if it fails to do exactly as represented.

If you have dandruff, or if your hair is turning gray or coming out, don't delay, but get a bottle of this remedy today, and see what a few days' treatment will do for you.

This preparation is offered to the public at fifty cents a bottle, and is recommended and sold by all druggists. Special agents, Koch Pharmacy.

Guests at the Maples.

Mr. Mark Hiles and his sister, Miss Bernice Hiles, of Burlington Junction arrived Friday to be the guests of Miss Golda Roach, at the home of her father, T. H. Roach, north of Maryville.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

Miss Elta Wood, a high school student, went to her home near Rosendale Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklin's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at the Orear-Henry Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Roberts of Lincoln, Neb., left for their home Friday evening, after a short visit in Maryville with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Keene.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

BURR BROTHERS PLEAD GUILTY

Ex-Leavenworth Boys Operated Big "Get-Rich-Quick" Scheme.

MUST SERVE ONE YEAR IN PRISON

After Leaving Kansas Home They Made Millions in New York, Till Federal Government Interferred.

New York, Dec. 23.—As punishment for carrying on a stock swindle by mail for two years, which netted millions in profit, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, incorporated, each were sentenced to a year's imprisonment on Blackwell's Island. The prisoners are Shelton C. Burr, president of the corporation; his brother, Eugene H. Burr, who was secretary and treasurer; Charles H. Tobey, vice-president, and Edwin Wesley Preston. Unexpectedly they offered pleas of guilty before Judge Holt in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court.

The indictment charged a swindle involving $68,000 in connection with the sale of the stock of the People's Association Oil company. But the government alleged that that was one of a continuing series of frauds, estimated to have involved nearly $50,000,000, with $15,000,000 profit to the promoters.

Counsel for the defendants said that rather than involve the expense of summoning witnesses from distant points, it was decided to plead guilty. The maximum sentence possible is 18 months. Counsel for the defendants urged clemency. It was asserted the promoters believed the stocks would prove profitable.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 23.—Shelton and Eugene Burr were born and reared here. Shelton Burr lived in Kansas City in 1903 and 1904. His brother formerly was a partner in a haberdashery shop here.

Henry Burr, the father of the Burr boys, was one of the early residents of Leavenworth. He was a shoe manufacturer and employed prison labor for the most part. The elder Burr made a comfortable fortune out of his shoes factory and upon his death the boys fell heir to the property. They didn't make a success of it, however, and the factory was closed.

After they had lost in various ways much of what they inherited they went to New York and there fortune smiled upon them until the law interfered.

Eugene H. Burr figured in a sensational episode about 13 years ago when he eloped with the young daughter of Natt Ryan, a well to do and widely known resident of Leavenworth. After his arrest in New York his wife learned he had an affinity and she obtained a separation.

PREACHER-AUTHOR QUITS PULPIT

Dr. Chas. M. Sheldon Resigns and Will Devote Entire Time to Lecture Platform.

Topeka, Dec. 23.—In order to spread the doctrine of Christian Socialism, the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, pastor of the Central Congregational church, has resigned his charge. He handed his resignation to the church at the annual meeting and it will take effect not later than June 1.

Doctor Sheldon's doctrine, which he has been preaching for years, is that the spread of real Christian brotherhood among laboring men and employers would tend to obviate all strikes and labor difficulties and would stop wars and guarantee universal peace.

Dr. Sheldon will devote his entire time to lecturing, writing and expounding this doctrine of Christian Socialism, much as he works out the problem of right living in his book, "In His Steps."

For years the demands on Dr. Sheldon's time for lectures have been exceptional, and he could not stand the double work of lecturing and handling his church affairs.

Turns Murderers Loose.

Jefferson City, Dec. 23.—Gov. Hadley gave Christmas paroles to four men serving sentences for murder. Foster Pollard and Frank Harris, negroes were sentenced from Kansas City to serve 50 years; Jefferson Lewis, sentenced from St. Charles county for 18 years, and Frank Wright, sent from Pemiscot county for 25 years. Each has served more than ten years.

Kansas Woman Found Frozen.

Manhattan, Kan., Dec. 23.—A four days' search for Mrs. Margaret Soderberg, 83 years old, who left the home of her son, A. Soderberg, a farmer living near here, last Monday has just ended with the finding of the aged woman's frozen body in a pasture five miles from the home.

Georgia Wreck Injured 41.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Derailment of train No. 38 on the Seaboard Air line at Gloster, 25 miles northeast of here, resulted in the injury of 41 persons. None of these, however, is believed fatally injured.

TOPEKA BANKERS IN OIL FRAUDS

J. D. Dolley Implicates F. E. Metzger and Dr. O. S. Morrow.

USED NAME WITHOUT CONSENT

Testimony in Ohio Trial Intimates Irregularities in Sale of Stock Supposed to be Endorsed by Bank Commissioner.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—Testimony by J. N. Dolley of Topeka, state bank commissioner of Kansas, implicated F. E. Metzger, president of the German-American State bank, and Dr. O. S. Morrow, state superintendent and treasurer of the Children's Home society, both of Topeka, in irregularities concerning the sale of stock by Sandals and Griffin, oil land promoters.

According to the testimony in United States court, the Sterling Oil company, of which Sandals and Griffin were promoters, published a small paper called the Sterling News in the interests of their business. June 9, 1910, the paper printed an article in which Mr. Dolley was placed in the position of having indorsed the Sterling Oil stock as a good investment.

The article, which was offered in evidence, said that Dolley had appointed F. P. Metzger and Dr. Morrow to make an investigation of the company, and had sent a telegram from Afton, Ok., saying the company's investment plan was a good one.

The prosecution had letters and evidence to show that Metzger had received 3,500 shares of stock in Afton before he signed the telegram to the promoters in Cleveland.

Topeka, Dec. 23.—The Rev. O. S. Morrow of Topeka, implicated with F. E. Metzger, president of the German-American State bank here, in alleged fraudulent oil schemes in Ohio, was much surprised when told that J. N. Dolley had absolutely denied an indirect indorsement of the proposition on which Sandals and Griffin, organizers of the Sterling Oil company of Cleveland, O., are being prosecuted for the fraud.

"S. H. Garrett came to Topeka as the representative of the oil company and wanted to get a certificate from the banking department to enable him to sell stock in Kansas," said Dr. Morrow. "I was interested in the company, as was Mr. Metzger and several others here. Mr. Garrett told us that whatever Mr. Metzger found on investigation of the Oklahoma property would be indorsed by the bank commissioner, as Mr. Dolley had faith in whatever Mr. Metzger found down there.

Mr. Garrett already had advised his company that whatever Mr. Metzger said would also be an indorsement by Mr. Dolley, as he said he had been advised by telephone from Mr. Dolley directly. That is how it came about that Mr. Dolley was supposed to have indorsed this company."

BIG CHANGE IN PRISON METHODS

All Short Term Military Prisoners Taken From Alcatraz Island to Leavenworth.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A sweeping change in military prison methods has just been instituted by orders of the war department. All of the short term prisoners of Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, have been ordered transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

All of the long term prisoners in the latter institution, about 270, to be transferred to Alcatraz, which will thus be made the place of confinement for the criminal element, while Leavenworth will be the place of detention of soldiers guilty of purely military offenses. To save transportation expenses, a second criminal jail is created at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, New York.

The effect of these changes is to carry out the recently developed British system of treating deserters and other soldiers guilty of breaches of discipline as subjects to reformatory influences and of segregating them from the absolutely criminal and vicious class.

Barbers Are Not Artists.

Macon, Mo., Dec. 23.—A barber is not an artist in the meaning of the statute, according to Judge Shelton, in deciding a case from Bevier. Evan Williams and other barbers were assessed an occupation tax and refused to pay on the ground that their trade was not denominated in the statutes. Judge Shelton held that the barber was a laborer and not liable for an occupation tax.

Old Missouri Home Burned.

La Grange, Mo., Dec. 23.—Fire destroyed the home of Miss Clara Koch here. The loss is about $12,000. The home was one of the oldest in northeast Missouri.

Lebanon Man Reappointed.

Jefferson City, Dec. 23.—Gov. Hadley has reappointed A. T. Nelson of Lebanon a member of the state board of agriculture for a term of three years beginning June 29, 1911.

NO PAPER MONDAY

Christmas Day--in accordance with long established usage--our employes will be given a holiday, to enjoy with the readers of this paper what we hope will be a truly

Merry Christmas

The Democrat-Forum has faithfully tried to give to its readers at all times the very best it was capable of. Commencing Tuesday evening a feature will be presented to our readers we confidently hope they will find an agreeable and enjoyable Christmas treat—

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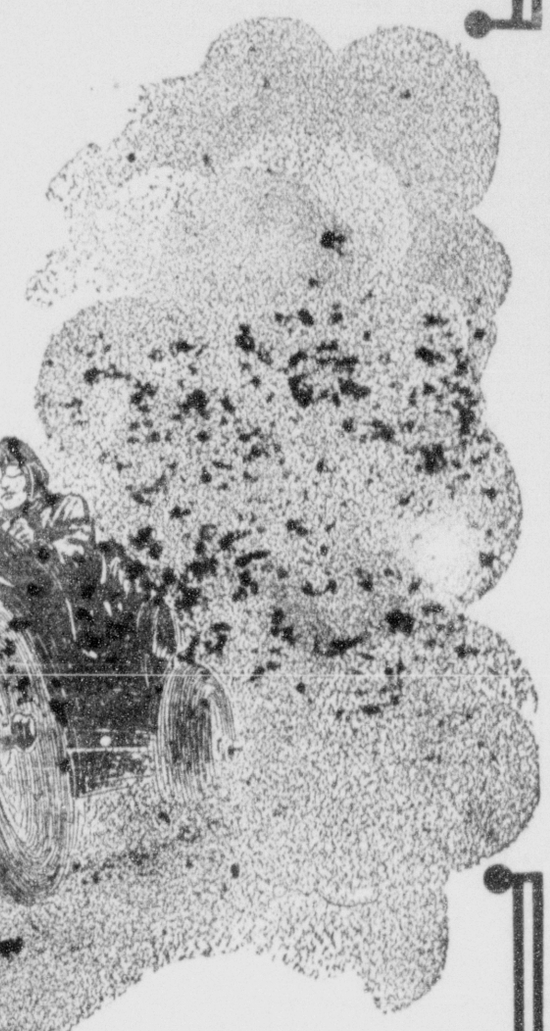

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And will be continued from day to day until finished, making attractive holiday reading.

We make the announcement in the hope that the anticipation of this feature will help to make for some readers a

Merry Christmas

News of Society and Womens' Clubs

Dance On Christmas Night.

The Elks will give on Christmas night their annual Christmas ball. Many special features have been arranged and music will be furnished by the Glenn Goff orchestra of six pieces.

Mrs. Wright Will Be Hostess.

The M. I. Circle will meet with Mrs. U. S. Wright at her home, on South Main street, Tuesday afternoon, December 26, to open its Christmas box and serve its Christmas buffet luncheon.

Will Celebrate Son's Marriage.

A family reunion will take place Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Norris of East Second street, to celebrate the wedding of their son, Fred Norris, to Miss Lulu Combs of Hopkins, of which they have just learned. The wedding occurred on Friday, December 15, at Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have succeeded in keeping their marriage a secret for a week. They will arrive in Maryville Saturday evening.

Gave Christmas Program.

Thursday evening, December 21, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jones entertained the Dew Drop Inn club at their home, north of the city. A social evening was spent with music and Christmas recitations by the children. Those who recited were Andrew Farrar, Lloyd and Lula Orme and Mildred Jones. A Christmas song was given by Thelma and Lloyd Orme. Slips of paper were given to each one requiring them to write a ten-word telegram. The one writing the best one to be given a prize. Mr. E. A. Baker carried off the prize, which was a small black doll. A two-course luncheon was served. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present, who were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farrar and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Moore and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Orme and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baker and the host and hostess and children. The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stafford.

Attended Wedding Celebration.

Mr. O. C. Hanna arrived in Maryville Friday noon to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. Mr. Hanna recently stopped in Wellington, Kan., on his business as a traveling salesman, and was the guest of G. W. Fink, formerly proprietor of the Linville hotel of Maryville, who is now proprietor of the leading hotel at Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Fink celebrated their silver wedding anniversary while Mr. Hanna was there, and it was quite an enjoyable event. The Fink family is happy and prosperous at Wellington. Mr. Fink has a ranch near town, which he has well stocked with fine grade Jersey cattle, and he has several kinds of fine poultry and five hundred white pigeons. When Mr. Fink lived in Maryville he owned a farm one mile east of Maryville and made the breeding of fine cattle, horses and hogs a specialty. Their old friends in Maryville will be glad to know of their continued prosperity and happiness, and that their son, William, who was only just big enough to count when they left Maryville a few years ago, is coming on finely and is giving his parents every reason for satisfaction and pride in him.

Here for Christmas.

Mrs. E. L. Robinson and son of St. Joseph arrived in Maryville Saturday noon to be the guests of her aunts, Mrs. Henry Westfall and Miss Mary Ford. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Lucy Longan. Their parents moved to Des Moines, Ia., a few months ago. Miss Lucy will go to Des Moines as soon as she finishes her school work in St. Joseph.

Mrs. A. W. Bagby, living west of Maryville, went to Kansas City Friday evening to visit until after Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. H. Francis and son, Milo Francis, of Blanchard, Ia., were in Maryville Friday evening, returning home from a visit at Gravity, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Holbrook left Saturday morning for Waterville, Kan., to spend Christmas with their son, Carl Holbrook, and family.

Miss Lulu Miller, living east of Maryville, went to Bolckow Friday evening to visit her sister, Mrs. R. L. Houghtaling, until after Christmas.

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MUSIC IN CHURCHES

(Continued from page 1.)

a Little Baby."
Remarks by Rev. Parvin.
Duet—Vilas and Edward Awalt.
Distribution of gifts.
Closing hymns by congregation.

St. Patrick's Church.

The usual Christmas services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic church by the pastor, Rev. Father Niemann, at 6 o'clock and at 10 o'clock Christmas morning. The choir will render special music. F. Pehle's Mass will be sung, Miss Anna Collins and Miss Mae Parle to sing the soprano solo parts and Miss Eleanor Smith and Mr. Frank Cummins the alto parts. For the offertory they will sing "Quis Vidistes Pastores," by Hamma. Also the hymn "Glory to God." The altar boys and several other children of the church have been specially drilled for a part in these services.

St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The usual Christmas services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church. The first service will be held at 6 o'clock Christmas morning and the second service at 10 o'clock. The second service will be a repetition of the first service, so that those who are unable to attend the service at 6 o'clock may have the privilege of the 10 o'clock service. The choir will sing Hamme's Mass in F, and an Ave Maria will be sung by Miss Bertha Kirch. A tenor solo "Adeste Fidelis," will be sung by Mr. Conrad Yehle. Twelve altar boys will assist Rev. Fr. Anselm in the services.

Mrs. W. D. Walker and sons, John and Roy, living east of Maryville, went to Bolckow Friday evening to visit until after Christmas. They were accompanied by Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. Omer Davis, and little daughter, Lettie, of Bolckow, who had been visiting them several days. The two families will spend Christmas day with the mother of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Davis, Mrs. G. W. Neeley of Bolckow.

Mrs. W. R. Evans and daughter, Miss Nina, went to Eagleville, Mo., Saturday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beeks, and other relatives. They were accompanied by Miss Minnie Canady, a State Normal student, who was going to Eagleville to spend Christmas with home folks.

Walter Smith arrived from Chicago Saturday morning to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith. Another son, Fred Smith, will arrive home from Chicago Sunday for a visit with his parents.

Miss Maud McMillan, a teacher in the schools at Milwaukee, Wis., arrived in Maryville Saturday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMillan.

Mrs. M. C. Cain of Wilcox passed through Maryville Saturday on her way to Denver, Col., and Sharon Springs, Kan. She will visit her sons and other relatives at these points.

Miss Dorothy Pierce, who has been attending Chicago university, arrived home Saturday morning to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Leet of Crab Orchard, Neb., arrived Friday night for a visit over Christmas in the city with Mr. Leet's mother, Mrs. Sarah Leet, and other relatives.

Mrs. Charles Shipps and son, Seth, of Arkoe spent Friday making preparations for Christmas and visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Vanbriggle.

Mrs. Mary Dickey returned to her home in St. Joseph Friday evening, after a visit with her son, Walter Dickey, and family, living northeast of Maryville.

Miss Luna Corbin, principal of the high school at Hopkins, was in Maryville Friday evening on her way to her home in Kirksville to spend the holidays.

Mrs. John C. White, living west of Maryville, returned Saturday morning from Tekin, Ill., where she was called a week ago by the death of her brother.

Miss Ruby Ruddell left Friday evening for Holliday, Okla., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolin.

Misses Alice and Nannie Furlong of Bedison were in town Friday doing Christmas shopping.

Mrs. John Grimes and daughter, Miss Marie, were among the shoppers in town Friday.

Christmas lettuce and blooming plants at Strader & Wilson's.

LIVED UNDER FALSE NAME

St. Joseph Man Lives Down Crime and Is Pardoned.

WAS PROSPEROUS IN BUSINESS

Escaped from Prison in Texas, Has Led Exemplary Life in Missouri, and is Respected by all—Will Resume Family Name.

St. Joseph, Dec. 23.—Real liberty at the cost of having his past bared is what William T. Hammond, whose real name is Nathan Hurst has just accepted. And "Hammond" is at last to resume his true name.

Nathan Hurst is a prosperous stock and bond dealer and owns a big boarding house here. He is married and has six children. For more than 20 years he has lived here, respected by his neighbors and business associates. But 28 years ago in Texas Hurst was convicted of horse theft. He was sentenced to serve 17 years in the Texas penitentiary. He escaped after three months. Gov. Colquitt of Texas has just commuted the sentence after having made full investigation of Hurst's reform.

"Hammond" was found guilty at Fort Worth, Tex., on two counts of horse stealing. He was given 12 years in one case and five in the other. He began to serve his sentence at the penitentiary in Huntsville, when, one day, while manning a scraper on a railroad dump, he caught the guard temporarily off duty. Jerking the harness off one of the mules he was driving, Hurst rode to the woods. His escape was successful.

According to W. L. Hurst, the escaped man's father, who was in Austin, Tex., his son came immediately to St. Joseph. Here he assumed the name of Hammond and worked at a packing house. About eight years ago he ran for sheriff of Buchanan county. He came within ten votes of being elected. He has served several years as constable and deputy sheriff in St. Joseph.

W. L. Hurst, the father, says that he will bring the pardon to his son on New Year's day and that the family will start the year 1912 under its true name. The wife and children will be told the secret at New Year's dinner.

FOR MORE GOOD ROADS MONEY

Statewide Association Formed at Springfield to Secure Favorable Legislation.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 23.—To encourage the enactment of laws providing for an increased fund for state roads and for the purpose of securing repeal, modification and rearrangement of the present road laws of Missouri, the Missouri Statewide Road Improvement association was formed here. E. E. E. McJimsey of Springfield was elected president and M. V. Carroll of Sedalia was chosen secretary-treasurer of the association. An executive committee composed of H. F. Fellows, Springfield; W. R. Haight, Brandsville; Perry Lewis, St. Louis; J. M. Lowe, Kansas City; Colvin Pierce, Maryville, and two others to be selected later, will manage the affairs of the club in addition to the officers.

MRS. J. A. DEARING DEAD.

Passed Away at Her Home in Weleetka, Okla., Friday Night—Body Will Be Brought to Barnard.

Mrs. J. A. Dearing, formerly of Barnard, died Friday night at her home in Weleetka, Okla., after an illness of several weeks from paralysis. The body is expected to arrive in Barnard Saturday night and the funeral services will be held Sunday. Interment at Salem cemetery, four and a half miles northwest of Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearing moved to Weleetka two years ago from Barnard, and Mr. Dearing was engaged in the hardware business, as he had been in Barnard for many years. Mrs. Dearing was twice married. Her first husband was a son of the late Dr. T. C. Ellis of Barnard, and was a cousin of Dr. C. A. Ellis of Denver, Col. Her husband was accidentally killed about thirty years ago. They had one son, Thomas Ellis, who resides in Colorado Springs, Col. They lived on a farm in White Cloud township.

Mrs. Dearing was married to her husband, who survives, about twenty-three years ago, and he was a well known merchant of Barnard until their removal to Oklahoma. She is also survived by two brothers, J. West Montgomery of Weleetka, a former druggist of Maryville, and a brother who lives in Kentucky.

Harold and Dale Bellows arrived home Friday from Ames, Ia., where they have been attending the Iowa Agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Roelofson and son, Ira, of Barnard were in Maryville Friday.

WILL SELL CAPITOL BONDS

AUDITOR GORDON OPTIMISTIC OVER DISPOSAL OF ISSUE.

Missouri's Commissioners Will Go as Far as Possible Before Money is in Treasury.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—"We can give the people of Missouri definite assurance that the capitol bonds will be sold," John B. Gordon, state auditor and a member of the board of fund commissioners, said at the Hotel Baltimore.

A committee of bankers, Mr. Gordon said, was working with the board of fund commissioners for the sale of the bonds. While no definite plans had yet been made, the $5,500,000 issue would be disposed of, he said. Judge James Cowgill, the state treasurer, who has been in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., is expected in Jefferson City January 1 and definite steps to dispose of the bonds will be taken then.

"Something of the difficulties in selling the bonds may be estimated," Mr. Gordon said, "when it is known that New York recently put a $10,000,000 non-taxable issue upon the market at 4 per cent. Our bonds bear 3½ per cent. However, we have the definite assurance of the bankers that they can and will be sold."

H. C. Flower of Kansas City, David R. Francis, William Lee and B. F. Edwards of St. Louis and H. B. Burns of St. Joseph are the members of the committee to dispose of the issue.

The state capitol commission is doing everything possible, Mr. Gordon says, to go ahead before the money from the bonds is in the state treasury. L. Baylor Pendleton, advisory architect of the board, has asked each of the state officers to submit plans for a model office for their department. He will leave soon with the four capitol commissioners for an inspection of the capitols and public buildings of other states.

NEW CHIEF GEOLOGIST

Waldemar Lindgren is the new chief geologist of the geological survey, having been appointed by Secretary of the Interior Fisher.

FARMER KILLED FOR HIS MONEY

Bachelor Near Dearborn, Mo., Found Dead and Partly Burned in His Home.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23.—The body of Henry Ford, a bachelor farmer who lived near Dearborn, was found in his home. The house was afire and Ford's head and right leg had been burned. Opinion is divided over the question of murder or suicide.

The body was removed after Coroner Byrd of St. Joseph viewed it, to the home of Ford's mother in Dearborn. Ford was last seen alive at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by the mail carrier. Later in the day James Sherwood, who lives on an adjoining farm, noticed smoke issuing from Ford's house and investigated. Traces of kerosene were found in the room where the body was lying in the flames. Sherwood put out the fire and summoned neighbors.

Ford lived alone and is supposed to have had considerable money. Dearborn bankers say he seldom banked any cash and this has led to the theory of murder. Others believe it is a case of suicide.

County Judges Organize.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 23.—The state association of county Judges was formed at a meeting here. Hugh C. Gilbert of Kansas City was elected temporary president and J. P. Reed of Springfield was elected temporary secretary.

Guilty of Child Murder.

Muskogee, Ok., Dec. 23.—William Irwin was found guilty of the murder of Herbert and Castella Sells by a jury here. The sentence will be life imprisonment. Irwin is a real estate dealer.

Fire at Wanette, Ok.

Shawnee, Ok., Dec. 23.—A fire at Wanette destroyed one-half of the business section of the city, with a loss of $25,000. Five frame buildings and two brick buildings were burned.

Poultry Cards

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